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Rajai set to bag 90% votes

TEHRAN, July 26 (AFP) — Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai Sunday raced past former President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr's January, 1980 total of 10.7 million votes for president, according to partial presidential election results declared Sunday afternoon. Rajai, virtually unopposed in Friday's violence-marred election, has won 11,820,494 votes, or 90 percent of the 13,293,048 ballots counted from 182 Iranian towns and half the voting districts in Tehran.

Counting is to continue all day, and final results should not be released until late Monday. Rajai probably will not be sworn in until next Saturday or Sunday.

Depending on the percentage of Iran's 22 million voters who turned out, Rajai seems likely to meet his religious fundamentalist backers' goal of 15 million votes and more than 90 percent of the total ballots cast.

Bani-Sadr received 10.7 million votes and 75.7 percent in January 1980, in a race against nine other candidates of varying tendencies.

Abbas Sbaibani led the three other candidates with about 4 percent of the ballots counted. He and the two others, Ali Akbar Parvaras and Habibollah Asghar-Oladi, called on voters to back Rajai two days before Friday's election.

Some top persons originally planned to run for the seat left vacant last month with Bani-Sadr's ouster, but either withdrew or were eliminated after suitability checks by the fundamentalist-dominated parliament.

The wave of violence that has shaken the country since the election campaign began continued Sunday, as a new death Sunday brought the casualty toll to at least 15 dead and dozens injured since Friday. Seven of the 13 to be killed on election day were revolutionary guards, according to official figures.

A journalist for the English-language daily *Kayhan* newspaper died of wounds he suffered in a Friday attack on two revolutionary guards. *Kayhan* attributed the attack to the "hypocrites," the name officials use to designate the People's Mujahiddin who back Bani-Sadr.

In the northern province of Guilan, the mayor of the town of Rezvanshahr and several members of his family were wounded by two hand grenades, Radio Tehran reported.

In the face of the violence the government continued its crackdown, especially against the Mujahiddin, which the pro-government newspaper *Azadegan* said has agreed with Bani-Sadr on the creation of a national resistance council and a clandestine radio station.

In another development, the newly-appointed governor of Iran's Guilan Province, Nassrollah Shadnoosh, and his deputy narrowly escaped an assassination attempt Saturday night. Paris news agency said Sunday.

Shadnoosh's predecessor and a deputy were killed in a similar attack early this month. The news agency said the governor's car Saturday night was blocked by two other vehicles in the center of Rasht, capital of the northern province, and gunmen opened fire from both sides.

The governor's bodyguards replied to the shots, Paris said, and though Shadnoosh was in the right hand nobody was seriously hurt. Paris did not identify the gunmen or say if they had been arrested.

Senator urges arms halt to M.E.

WASHINGTON, July 26 (AP) — A moratorium on U.S. arms shipments to Israel and Arab countries was proposed Saturday by Sen. Richard Lugar while the United States assesses its joint strategy with them.

"We really ought to step back for a moment and stop sending anything in there," Lugar, Republican-Indiana, said in a Cable network news interview.

This, he said, should include the radar planes and additional jet equipment the Reagan administration has promised Saudi Arabia.

"The time has come, it seems to me, to take a look at how all our friends are likely to react and how we can influence affairs" in the region, Lugar said.

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PICTURE OF THE 'EIGHTIES: The first official portrait of the royal bride-to-be was inaugurated at London's National Portrait Gallery recently. The painting shows Lady Diana Spencer informally dressed in trousers and waistcoat. Commissioned by the Portrait Gallery, it was executed by Bryan Organ on acrylic on canvas 70x50. National Portrait Gallery Director Dr. John Hayes said, "This is a breakthrough in royal portraiture. This is the picture of the eighties."

As wedding nears Doting press drives Lady Diana to tears

LONDON, July 26 (Agencies) — Lady Diana Spencer burst into tears Saturday and left a polo match at which Prince Charles was to play, apparently overcome by the attention she was receiving four days before her wedding to the future king.

Charles was seen comforting her and later told a photographer for the British news agency Press Association, "The occasion was just a bit too much for her." The incident took place at the annual polo match between the army and the Royal Navy at Tidworth, in Hampshire, shortly after Lady Diana arrived.

"She was weeping and you could see she was upset. I think she was overcome by the press of people," said one woman in the audience. Other audience members said Diana was apparently upset at being continually photographed and stared at as she was seated for the match to begin.

"She was red in the face and obviously distressed and looked as if she was crying," a bystander said. After the incident Prince Charles returned to score the winning goal to give the navy a 4-3 victory. Buckingham Palace declined to comment on the incident.

Earlier, Saturday, the royal couple arrived at a royal navy training center in a helicopter flown by the prince, a former navy officer. He inspected a parade of sailors.

Palace officials refused to reveal the whereabouts of 20-year-old Lady Diana but said she was "now feeling perfectly all right" after an apparent attack of pre-wedding nerve Saturday.

Witnesses said Diana seemed upset by the amount of media attention given to her as she sat in an open enclosure watching a presentation ceremony. She suddenly stood up and, head bowed, walked to her car where Prince Charles was standing. He put his arm around her and they spoke for a few moments before she was driven off.

Charles is scheduled to play polo Sunday against a Spanish team. Live television coverage is planned and a large crowd is expected. The prince's athletic pursuits, carried on so close to his wedding, have aroused concern that he might injure himself. The concern was heightened by several well-publicized falls Charles took from horses.

There also was concern Saturday about the health of Charles' grandmother, the Queen Mother Elizabeth. Several British newspapers said she might not attend the wedding because of a fever that forced her to cancel her appointments for three days last week. *The Daily Mirror* ominously wrote that the queen mother "was said only to be improving."

But officials at Clarence House, residence of the 80-year queen mother, said they were confident she would be at the wedding and added she had left London for her weekend home at Windsor. "That should be indication enough that she is much better," said one.

British newspapers were also filled Saturday with reports that Nancy Reagan — representing her husband, U.S. president Ronald Reagan, at the wedding — won't curtsy when she meets Queen Elizabeth. Mrs. Reagan will not even incline her head in anything that may be taken as a bow. She will simply shake hands," said an official at the American Embassy in London.

Much of Britain plans to give itself over to celebrating the royal wedding this week. A massive fireworks display is planned in London Tuesday night and Charles will light the first in a chain of beacons stretching across the nation. Charles was to dominate British television programs Sunday. One of the three national channels planned a film biography of the prince and its main rival had a film an exploration narrated by Charles.

In London, the dress rehearsal Sunday gave police a chance to try out their wedding-day program, which will be the biggest such operation ever mounted by Scotland Yard. Plainclothes police and those with walkie-talkie mingled with the crowd, while constables followed orders to turn their backs on the procession to watch for any suspicious behavior among the public.

In Fleet Street, news editors watching at their office windows should steel themselves for the frostiest of smiles from the royal coaches when Wednesday's wedding procession trundles into the press enclave. Although the bridegroom may not actually roll up the hood, he could well be wishing he had a more congenial route mapped out from the palace to St. Paul's.

Prince Charles, through an irony of city planning, will be providing one of the best views of his wedding-day spectacular to the very people who turned his quest for a bride into a nightmare. The prince's love life has been an abiding obsession of the Fleet Street national press since as far back as 1951 when a Sunday paper treated the royal toddler to a list possible wives.

He took it all in good humor until last September, the date newshounds caught the scent of Lady Diana Spencer. Over the following weeks, Prince Charles watched with growing anger the reporters besieged her flat and photographers used the absurdest of ploys to get close to her — some of them even climbing through the window of the kindergarten where she worked.

Royal disdain finally gave way to a series of bitter outbursts as Charles and his family lost their cool, bringing relations between press and palace to their lowest ebb in years.

"A happy new year to you," the prince called to reporters who spent Christmas on the romance trail, "and a particularly nasty one to your editors." Equally upset, Lady Diana's mother wrote to ask *The Times*: "Do the editors of Fleet Street consider it necessary or fair to harass my daughter daily, from dawn until well after dusk?"

In Oklahoma City, oil millionaire Wyman E. Fraley who may not have been invited to the royal wedding, has sent Prince Charles and Lady Diana an unusual gift.

Fraley, 33, sent the royal couple part interest in an oil and gas well he drilled in May. Interest in a second well will be transferred when drilling on it is completed, he said. He has received no official confirmation of the present.

"There's been so much merchandising, so much commercialization of this wedding, I just wanted to make a personal gesture," said the native of Manium in southwestern Oklahoma.

Fraley, whose office is in a remodeled Victorian-style home in Oklahoma City, will make his first trip to England in August to open an office in London, where he plans to headquarter offshore drilling operations and an oil supply business.

"I just wanted this present to be a good introduction," he said.

Phalangists sever ties with Israel

BEIRUT, July 26 (R) — Arab League mediators trying to rebuild accord in the war-shattered Lebanon Sunday achieved a significant step forward by securing from the main rightist militia an agreement not to seek help from Israel.

Military links between the right-wing Phalangist Party and the Israelis had been portrayed by Syria as a root cause of the fighting between them and the Christian militia which erupted at the beginning of April.

A special league subcommittee announced at the end of a two-day meeting that Phalangist paramilitary commander Bashir Gemayel had undertaken in a letter written to the Lebanese President Elias Sarkis, not to have any dealings with Israel.

Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam said this cleared the way for moves to re-establish entente throughout the country after six years of bloodshed and civil strife. He told reporters at the Baabada Presidential Palace that practical steps would be taken starting next week as part of what he called the "accord process."

Officials said that steps would include government contacts with the different factions of left and right. The announcement of the letter, written by Gemayel, coincided with the publication in the right-wing French language newspaper *Le Reveil* of what it said was the Lebanese government working paper being discussed by the committee.

The committee managed in earlier meetings to mediate an end to a 90-day Syrian siege of east Lebanon's city of Zahle and promised continued efforts to ease the Syrian-Christian confrontation in Beirut's mid-city dividing line.

There was an immediate confirmation of the authenticity of the document but it indicated that the Palestinians in south Lebanon would also have to make concessions.

The role of the all-Syrian Arab Deterrant Force, regarded as an army of occupation by the Phalangists, would also be reduced,

according to *Reveil*. The committee, composed of foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Syria, Lebanon and Arab League Secretary General Cheddi Klibi and President Sarkis, held two sessions late Saturday night and another Sunday morning.

They agreed to meet again in Lebanon on Sept. 3-4. *Le Reveil* published the full text of what it said was the document which included a one-year timetable for extending government authority over large areas of the country now controlled by different militia factions. Government troops would be deployed in place of Palestinians in key positions in south Lebanon and the Palestinians have to reassemble their arms in prescribed camps.

The Palestinians should also exclude any Lebanese from their commando organizations the purported document stated.

It emphasized the commitment of Lebanon to the Palestinian cause and called for the re-establishment of government control over all Lebanese territory, including the southern strip now held by Israeli-backed right-wing Lebanese militiamen under the command of Maj. Saad Haddad.

The document said relations with Syria should be strengthened, taking into account "special relationship between the two Arab neighbors."

Meanwhile, Israeli planes flew low over Sidon and southern Lebanon Sunday drawing anti-aircraft fire from Palestinian positions.

Soon after the planes were sighted, Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan called for a prompt Arab summit "to study the situation in Lebanon following the Israeli aggressions," Wazzan said that the request had been forwarded to the League secretariat.

Also Saad Haddad said Sunday his forces will reply to fire if Palestinian forces "continue to break Friday's ceasefire" by shelling his enclave. Appearing tired and strained, according to a correspondent, Maj. Haddad vehemently criticized the ceasefire.

UAE to set up gas reservoirs

ABU DHABI, July 26 — An agreement was signed here Sunday for the construction of seven liquefied gas reservoirs in Das Island of the United Arab Emirates.

The agreement was signed, on behalf of the United Arab Emirates, by Oil Minister Sheikh Mana Said Oteiba and the chairman of the board of directors of SBI, a British company.

Under the agreement, three of the seven reservoirs will be constructed with a capacity of 80,000 cu. meters, while the other four will be of 50,000 cu. meters capacity. The whole project will cost 450 million UAE Dirhams.

The construction of these reservoirs is part of a plan to fully develop the industry and to withdraw from operation the two old reservoirs which are not fully equipped with safety and security measures, as a result of which the company has been facing hardships in its export activities. These reservoirs were built in 1978 with the completion of the liquefied gas factory there. This factory treats mostly those gases which are produced from the underwater fields in the administration of Abu Dhabi. It has a productive capacity of

nearly 2,000 million tons of liquefied gas annually.

The Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) has signed a contract with the electricity company of Tokyo, under which the former will sell all its product to the latter for a period of 20 years.

Meanwhile, an official spokesman of ADNOC told *Arab News* that the new reservoirs will correspond to modern specifications of safety and security.

Khaled meets Moroccan aide

MAKKAH, July 26 (SPA) — King Khaled conferred Sunday with Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta who arrived in Jeddah earlier and was met by protocol officials and the Moroccan ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Muhammad Al-Arabi Al-Alami.

The meeting was attended by Defense and Aviation Minister, Prince Sultan; the King's adviser, Dr. Rashad Pharann; and Alami.

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Rabegh to get new plant

SR900m cement pact signed

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, July 26 — The Arab Cement Company Ltd. and the West German company Klock's Hometh Saturday evening signed a SR900 million contract to set up a new cement plant in Rabegh with a daily productive capacity of 4,000 tons.

The contract was signed by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Abdullah Al-Soliman, ACC board chairman, and M. Kohl, on behalf of the German firm.

The cement industry is one of the longest established manufacturing sectors in Saudi Arabia. In 1980, the four operating cement companies — Yamama, Arabian, Saudi and Qasim Cement Companies — produced a record three million tons, according to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency's 1980 annual report. Two other plants are in the final stages of completion and soon will begin commercial production, the report added.

ized capital of SR1.2 billion. It is 50 percent owned by the Saudi Cement Company and 15 percent by Bahraini interests, with the remaining 35 percent offered for public subscription.

When the current projects currently underway are onstream, the industry is projected to have a capacity of about 8.4 million tons per year, according to SA MA estimates. The Saudi-Bahraini Cement Company is expected to export 300,000 tons per year to Bahrain, and planning for the Saudi-Kuwaiti plant is based on proposed exports of 2.3 million tons of clinker cement to Kuwait.

As a result of the strong cement supply showing in the Kingdom, earlier in January the Commerce Ministry dissolved Riyadh's Cement Distribution Committee because the cement crisis was considered over and supply matched demand.

Instructions were given by the ministry that priority should be given to people building their own houses when distributing cement. Any surplus would go to cement processing

industries. The remainder would be sold to contractors according to the quota system. Al-Yamama cement company was appointed as the prime distributor for cement, a ministry spokesman had said.

The Saudi-Bahraini Cement Company was expected to begin full production this month. The successful testing of the first of four kilns, each with a daily production capacity of 1,500 tons, belong to the company took place on Oct. 25, 1980.

Salah Taha Saber, general manager of the Arab Cement Company, predicted last year that cement production in the Kingdom will rise to 10 million tons per year.

UAE sets blood donation record

ABU DHABI, July 26 (WAM) — A new record in blood donation in Arab countries was recently registered by the Blood Bank in Abu Dhabi, Al-Fajr's newspaper reported Sunday. In the eight-hour period since the call for blood donation, the bank collected 400 units of blood.

According to the bank's manager, Adel Halwani, it could have collected 2,000 units of blood as crowds of people had turned up. "But we stopped accepting any additional quantity lest the blood be spoiled before its airlift to Lebanon," he said.

He added that the number of blood donors had risen four folds in response to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) appeal following the Israeli barbaric raids on civilian targets in south Lebanon.

Meanwhile, the PLO office in the UAE has thanked the health minister and workers of the blood bank and its branches in Dubai and Sharjah, Al-Khalef Arabic daily reported. It said that the PLO office had conveyed its thanks to all nationals and residents for their spontaneous response to the blood donation call.

King orders release of some prisoners

TAIF, July 26 — King Khaled has ordered the formation of special committees to look into the circumstances of the prisoners in the country's jails with a view to deciding which ones should be released before serving their full terms, on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

Makkah Governor Prince Majed and his deputy, Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen are supervising personally the work of the committees in the Western Region, according to Al Medina newspaper Sunday.

The King makes these orders every year during the holy month of Ramadan in order to enable some prisoners to be freed to spend the holidays with their families after serving some of their sentences. Others have their sentences commuted so that they may leave jail earlier than specified in the sentences.

Meanwhile, in Jeddah, Omar Al-Subaih Ba Dahdah, head of the committee for helping needy prisoners, told the paper that the committee spent about SR2 million during this year's month of Ramadan. It gave the prisoners' families about SR500,000. It also paid the bail of some 35 prisoners who had debts exceeding SR2.5 million. One of the prisoners owed SR650,000 and another SR360,000. Dahdah stressed that the committee is active during and after Ramadan.

In other welfare news, Qasim Governor Prince Abdul Izz ibn Abdul Aziz, Saturday, gave SR500,000 to the area's welfare societies. He granted SR200,000 to Buraidah's welfare society; SR200,000 to Unaizah's welfare society; and SR100,000 to Al-Badaye welfare society. The prince had given a similar amount last year.

In the last days of Ramadan Makkah to have unlimited traffic

MAKKAH, July 26 — Cars will be permitted to enter Makkah and the Haram area during the last 10 days of Ramadan, Makkah Traffic Commander, Lt. Col. Sbabhat Ahmad Mufti said Sunday.

He told Al-Medina that no restrictions will be placed on the amount of cars permitted to enter, but added that the department will not be responsible for providing parking for the cars.

However, Mufti said that Kadda parking for land pilgrims is prepared and guarded for motorists' use. At the same time, public transport vehicles are available and ready to shuttle people between the parking and the Haram. He recommended this parking to save time and efforts. He added that the department is distributing booklets to those

entering the city from Taif, Jeddah or Medina in which clear directions are given on where to go and where to park.

The official said that on the 27th of Ramadan (28 July) everybody will be allowed to enter the Haram as quickly as possible from all directions, that is from all seven entrances such as Al-Tayseer, Al-Ghazzawi, Jabal Al-Kaaba, Al-Hajja, Al-Haram and Al-Nafaq (the tunnel). He urged motorists not to enter solely from Al-Hafser street, but to use all seven entrances as well.

He hinted, however, that there will be some traffic changes on the Eid day and after the prayers, for only one hour. There will be six entries to the Haram on that day. The tunnel may be used to facilitate traffic during prayer time, he said.

Telephone service offices enhanced

JEDDAH, July 26 — Saudi Telephone enhanced its customer service offices to 80 payment and 70 subscription points Kingdom-wide during the past fiscal year, according to a statement issued by the company Sunday. These figures represented an increase of 25 payment and 26 subscription offices, 45 and 59 percent rise respectively.

The improvement also gives Saudi telephone employees better access to subscribers across the Kingdom. In the billing process, for example, the addition of new offices along with increase in the number of post office

boxes available to subscribers, raised the percentage of bills delivered with five days from 50 percent, in the first quarter of 1980, to the current 73 percent.

The quality of the buildings also improved, parallel with the quantity. The latest of these, a new type of payment and subscription office opened in Riyadh, combines a modern pleasing design with an efficient interior arrangement for faster service. This office has become a model for other new offices in the Kingdom.

Prayer and Fasting Times

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VIENNA, (AFP) — Ahmad Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and mineral resources, will preside over a seminar here, Nov. 24-26, on the prospects of a comprehensive energy strategy to be applied in developing countries. The seminar will be attended by representatives of other countries of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, the industrialized world, developing countries, the United Nations and various other international organizations.

RIYADH — The Civil Service Board advised all government departments that they can sign contracts with three categories of expatriates in Saudi Arabia. The board specified the three categories as husbands or immediate relatives accompanying women contractees; women accompanying their husbands who are under contract with the government;

and medical doctors. It pointed out that the circular applies to all expatriates with government departments, according to Al-Medina Sunday.


MAKKAH, (SPA) — The Qoran Memorization Society here assigned Saturday 350 of its students who memorized the holy book to the various mosques of Makkah, as is customary every year. To lead the Taraweeh prayers, four students also were allocated to Taif and two to Jeddah for the same purpose. Moreover, five were sent to London and Geneva to lead the Taraweeh prayers there. The society has sent five teachers to Nigeria, for a month, to train Imams and speech-makers, upon the request of the Muslim World League.

JEDDAH, — Baha's Qarn Thaby society received a new list of donations and subscriptions, according to local reports Saturday. The list included SR50,000 from Prince Turki ibn Abdul Aziz; SR10,000 from Sheikh Abdullah ibn Ali Al-Qasi; SR3,500 from Sheikh Abdul Aziz Ali Muhammad Al-Zabran and bro.; SR2,000 anonymously SR2,000 from Shada Est. for Trade and Contracting; and several others.

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COMMENT

By Hussein Ali Hussein
Al-Medina

The society generally calls the nurse the "angel of mercy", and I believe this is so. There is no profession as humane as nursing, but still it is "frowned upon" by the society in our country. In fact, no one knows the justifications or considerations on which the society has its apathy toward this profession, except some accusations which, I believe, are unfair and should not be labelled on a nurse.

The nurse certainly is the "angel of peace" who attends to the patient's comfort until he or she is cured or takes the last breath. Even the patient's relatives cannot show that endurance which the nurse exhibits in her care for the patient. Despite this, we call the nurse with strange names, ignoring the fact that every human being has his own caprices and follies. The nurse is a human being; she may and may not commit a mistake.

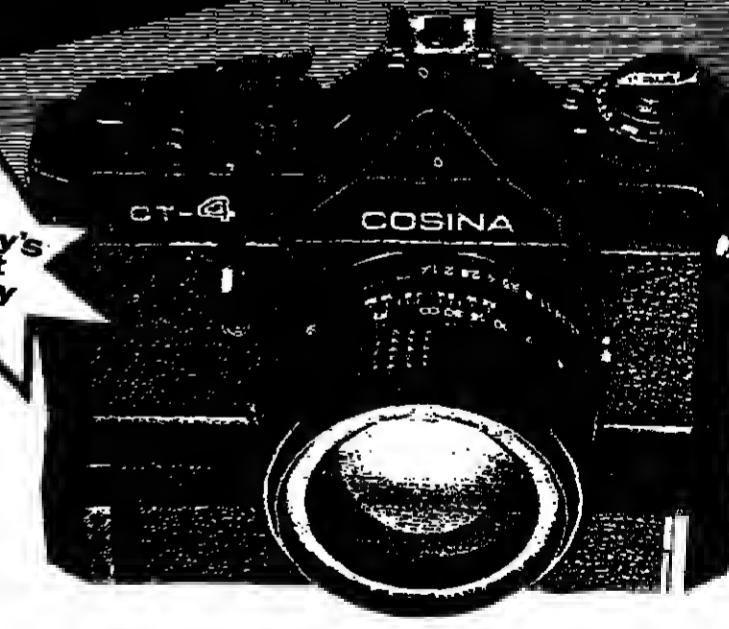
Owing to a short-sightedness toward the nursing profession, there has been little response toward the nursing schools, so much so that the nursing school in Jeddah does not have a single student on its roll for the next academic session. It is an irony of fate that, immediately after assuming a nursing job, the nursing graduate either resigns or requests for transfer to an administrative job. The reason why she does so lies behind the indifference of her relatives, husband and even the common people, who have not yet become accustomed to see a nurse of their own folk working in the country. And, if they do see one, they deprive her of all the qualities of expatriate nurses. As a matter of fact, they are supposed to encourage and patronize a native nurse, so that she serves the people and her country with her head high, without having to feel compelled to "close her file" and stay indoors.

We ought to feel duty-bound to encourage Saudi Arabian young women so they can unhesitatingly join the profession of medicine or nursing. We must provide them incentives and privileges and try our best to overcome the hardships that impede the realization of this aim. We must begin with the elimination of the unpleasant picture that the common people have created in their minds about nurses and doctors.

Hospitals and schools are the most significant things in the life of a society. We have already made good strides toward the realization of self-sufficiency in the matter of male and female teachers. We have to achieve a similar success in the fields of medicine and nursing too. But this will be possible only when we intensify our efforts in this direction.

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Mixed reaction to truce

Reagan reversed attack on Israel

WASHINGTON, July 26 (Agencies) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan personally ordered a reversal of what was a harsh, concerted and mounting campaign by top administration officials to condemn Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, according to a knowledgeable administration official.

"Everybody was mad as hell at Begin — except one man," said the official who watched the byplay from a ringside seat. "He was the man who counted." Anger with Begin followed Israeli attacks on Lebanon in a heavily civilian neighborhood. U.S. officials were quick to denounce Begin first off the record, then publicly.

But by week's end, largely through Reagan's intercession, the U.S. had shifted from Begin's hard-line strategy to ending hostilities in southern Lebanon, a change in direction smoothed by U.S. mediator Philip Habib's success in achieving a cease-fire.

The only presidential adviser said to be "in sympathy" with Reagan all along was secretary of State Alexander M. Haig. He held his fire while lower-level officials accused Begin of trying to split the United States from its moderate Arab friends and, as one put it, "rubbing our noses in it" by launching the Beirut attack shortly before the administration was to resume jet shipments to Israel.

"Reagan has a very special affection for Israel," said the official who watched the turnabout. "It came out during the campaign and it was and is genuine. You have to look at the president as someone who sees Israel as an oasis of democracy in the area, and a loyal ally."

Besides the official doubts the strategy of trying to moderate Begin's policies could succeed since his domestic critics probably would rally behind their leader if he was under concentrated U.S. attack. The official did not want to be identified by name.

When the official attacks on Begin went public Wednesday, it seemed to reflect a solid administration line. Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger unloaded on Begin in a nationally-televised interview. Deputy Secretary of State William Clark, a longtime Reagan confidant also spoke out at just about the same time during a breakfast meeting with reporters.

Weinberger said envoy Habib was on the verge of a breakthrough in his Mideast negotiations when Israel launched the air

strike on Beirut.

Clark was assumed to be reflecting Reagan's views when he declared "our commitments are not to Begin but to the nation he represents" — thereby drawing a line between the prime minister and the Israelis.

Reagan gave the first signal of his disapproval of his subordinates taking a stand when he spoke to reporters Wednesday afternoon on his return from a horse ride. He alleged that the Israelis were under PLO fire. "They are subject to repeat rocket attacks of civilian quarters themselves," he said. "We want to end the violence on both sides."

The strategy then was to stress that Weinberger and Clark have expressed what another official described later as "their personal assessment" of Begin, not the administration's. "We all talked about how we might handle it," said the official, who insisted on anonymity. "We wanted to make it clear those were their personal views and that there was no disagreement on our wanting a cessation of hostilities."

Meanwhile, the reaction in the Gulf states to the cessation of hostilities between Israeli and Arab-Palestinian forces is a mixture of satisfaction and skepticism, observers found Saturday.

The satisfaction concerns the fact that "the Zionist enemy" has been led to stop its hostile activities, the skepticism the precariousness of the ceasefire that has been obtained. While officials have cautiously refrained from any public comment, much has been said about the issue in the press and privately.

Among clues as to how Arab pressure may have operated, observers said, were a number of increasingly open threats of recourse to the oil weapon formulated even before the Arab Opecese Council convened, notably from Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, president of the United Arab Emirates. He had already played the decisive role in clamping down the oil embargo on the U.S. and Holland in 1973.

In Damascus, a political commentator suggested on Syrian radio that in the wake of the latest developments, "the relations of certain Arab parties with the U.S. have been reinforced" — a development he deplored since there was "no American policy in the area, only a Zionist policy executed by the U.S."

A new theme struck in Gulf state comment on the ceasefire was the idea that it marks a de facto recognition of the PLO by the Israelis, even though both sides have repeatedly stressed that there was no direct agreement between them.

In Moscow, Pravda Sunday expressed skepticism about Israel's determination to respect the ceasefire. Quoting Israeli generals as saying Israel was ready "to intervene in Lebanon at any time to continue the operations," the Soviet party paper said the ceasefire had not changed the heart of the problem. Israel, which was conducting a veritable genocide in Lebanon, intended to "cause the maximum victims" to stop the normalization process there, Pravda said.

Soviet official holds talks with Jordan leaders

AMMAN, July 26 (R) — A senior Soviet official began talks Saturday on his country's relations with Jordan and on international questions of common interest, including the Middle East.

Oleg Gribovskiy, chief of Near Eastern countries affairs at the foreign ministry, arrived Friday night on a four-day visit and called on King Hussein Saturday before seeing Foreign Minister Marwan Qassem. The official Jordan news agency, Petra, said Qassem and the Soviet official discussed the latest developments in the area and what it said were Israel's aggressions against Lebanon.

Qassem told Gribovskiy that no just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East could be achieved unless Israel withdrew from all occupied Arab territories, including East Jerusalem, and recognized Palestinian legitimate rights, including self-determination, Petra said. Jordan welcomed a call by Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev for an international conference on the Middle East, in which all parties to the Middle East conflict took part, Petra added.

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AMMAN, (R) — Jordan's health ministry has said that 15 new cases of cholera have been reported during the past 24 hours. It brings the total number of attacks since the outbreak of the disease to over 700. Four deaths have been reported so far. About half of the cases have been treated in hospitals and the patients discharged.

CAIRO, (AFP) — The Iranian Boeing-707 whose pilot flew here last Friday, asking for political asylum, returned to Tehran Saturday night, the daily Al Akhbar reported Sunday. The four crew members apart from the captain left with it, while Air Force Maj. Oarosh Khirkhwa, who made the asylum request, stayed in Cairo. He was supposed to have been refueling two Iranian F-14 fighter planes over Iranian territory.

TEHRAN, (R) — On the verdict of the Islamic revolutionary courts in Kerman, south east of Iran, Sari and Babol, in Mazandaran province, eight persons were executed Sunday morning. All convicts were found guilty by the courts on charges of armed revolt against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

PANAMA, (AP) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali arrived Saturday for four days of talks with government officials about Egypt's interest in a second canal across Panama and possible Panamanian participation in a Mideast peace force. Ghali, who is touring Latin America, is due to meet here with President Aristides Royo and other officials, and to visit the Panama Canal. He was received by Foreign Minister Jorge Illueca after arriving on a commercial flight from Bogota, Colombia.

PARIS, (AFP) — Two Soviet destroyers arrived at Tripoli Sunday on the first visit of its kind by Soviet warships to Libya, the Libyan news agency Jaaq monitored here reported.

U.S., Egypt urged to take joint stand against Israel

By Sudan

ALEXANDRIA, July 26 (Agencies) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri expressed hopes Saturday that President Anwar Sadat and U.S. President Reagan would stand together in persuading Israel to refrain from hostile activities in the Middle East.

"Sadat should insist during his talks with Reagan as full partner to the peace negotiations in the Middle East that Israel must stop its activities in the area," Numeiri told a press conference. "Sadat and Reagan should stand together against the Israeli activities," he added. Numeiri said Israel would undoubtedly adhere to the American pressure.

He said Israel did not give Egypt any chance to achieve peace in the Middle East through its "hostile activities," Numeiri

Morocco seizes Spanish boats

MADRID, July 26 (AFP) — Three Spanish fishing boats were seized Saturday by Moroccan patrol boats off the coast of Casablanca, a spokesman for the boats' owners said in Malaga, where they are based. Spanish fishing boats have previously been seized by Morocco because of Spain's equivocal attitude to Morocco's war against Polisario nationalist fighters in Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony.

Pakistanis not granted citizenship, India says

NEW DELHI, July 26 (AFP) — India has not granted citizenship to any of the 54 Pakistani nationals released from its jails in exchange for the hostages of a Pakistan International Airlines Boeing hijacked to Kabul last March.

Reacting to a Pakistani newspaper report that three of the released Pakistanis had been granted citizenship in India, and official spokesman here said Saturday, "There is no truth whatsoever in the report, which is baseless, objectionable and contentious."

Afghan fighters, in women's veils, held

ISLAMABAD, July 26 (AP) — Two male freedom fighters, disguised in women's veils, were captured trying to infiltrate Kabul, the Afghan capital, Radio Afghanistan reported Saturday.

It said the pair, identified only as Kazim and Haider, were traveling from neighboring Wardak province when apprehended by security forces about seven kms west of Kabul. No other details were disclosed.

Meanwhile, the state-run radio claimed that a group of "counterrevolutionaries" was defeated before it attempted to hold up

described Sadat's visit to Washington next month as "crucial not only to peace in the Middle East but also to world peace."

He said the Soviet Union provides Libya with arms and support to carry out sabotage attempts against several African countries. Numeiri said he laid down "certain defensive plans" with Sadat to counteract the joint Libyan-Soviet plots but declined to disclose them. He also called for a unanimous world boycott of Libya.

"The entire world must sever all relations with Libya and even resort to military action if Muammar Qaddafi continued his present terrorist activities in Africa," Numeiri said. The Sudanese leader, who held three rounds of talks with Sadat, reiterated his call for an Arab summit to reconcile inter-Arab differences. He made the call last May during Sadat's visit to Sudan and said it was not in the interests of either Egypt or the Arab countries to escalate their differences. Numeiri said he would send envoys, messages and make personal trips to various Arab countries to arrange for the summit.

Asked about the truth of Libyan claims on the presence of some 90,000 Egyptian soldiers in Sudan, Numeiri said: "It is not strange that I can have all the Egyptians in Sudan. It is a very natural thing. The two peoples are two brothers living in one big house." Sudan and Egypt have a joint defense pact since 1976 which stipulated that any aggression against one country is an aggression against the other.

The pact was concluded following an aborted attempt to overthrow Numeiri who at the time accused Libya of engineering it. Sadat had said Egypt would rush to the support of Sudan militarily if it was threatened.

Sadat is scheduled to go to Washington Aug. 4 for his first meeting with Reagan to discuss bilateral relations as well as how to revive the stalled Palestinian autonomy talks with Israel. Numeiri implied that he expects Sadat's talks with Reagan to result in more U.S. economic and military assistance for Egypt and Sudan as well.

traffic along a highway parallel with the Soviet border connecting the northern provinces of Samangao and Balkh. The broadcast, monitored here, also said the governor of Balkh, which has a problem with freedom fighters, released 30 persons jailed for aiding the rebels.

The freed detainees pledged loyalty to the government in Kabul, the broadcast said. The Pushtu-language broadcast also claimed that fighters have laid down their arms and surrendered to security forces in Logar and Balkh provinces.

Iran speaker to visit Cuba, East Germany

TEHRAN, July 26 (Agencies) — The speaker of the Iranian parliament, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, has accepted official invitations to visit East Germany and Cuba. Radio Tehran reported Sunday.

According to Pars news agency, Rafsanjani saw the East German ambassador to Iran Saturday followed by the Cuban chargé d'affaires who invited an Iranian parliamentary delegation to the next meeting of the Interparliamentary Union.

Earlier, Rafsanjani and Yugoslav Ambassador Edvard Klun at a meeting welcomed the development of relations between their countries since the Islamic revolution in Iran. Rafsanjani attributed this development to the presence of four million Muslims in Yugoslavia and Belgrade's policy of independence.

Meanwhile, Iranian revolutionary guards seized large quantities of arms and ammunition when they raided fire centers of the Marxist-Leninist opposition movement Peykar in Tehran, Radio Tehran reported Sunday. More than 300 firearms, including assault rifles and submachine guns, 1,350 grenades, 40,000 rounds of ammunition and ten radio sets were among the haul, the radio said. Also seized were numerous documents, printing material and electric typewriters.

The revolutionary guards said July 17 they had arrested 60 Peykar leaders and broken up the movement's main centers of activity.

Tehran radio broadcast a statement issued by the revolution guards HQ which said that, "having discovered nearly 20 houses and centers belonging to the pro-American mini-group, Peykar," another "five centers belonging to this warring mini-group" had been discovered, centers which were "important ones." It said that in two of the centers large caches of weapons, including machineguns, ammunition, hand grenades, tear gas, and "other combat equipment" had been found.

It said that in another center many "inter-departmental documents concerning the organization's operations over the past several years, and documents dealing with the organization's congresses and leadership elections" had been found.

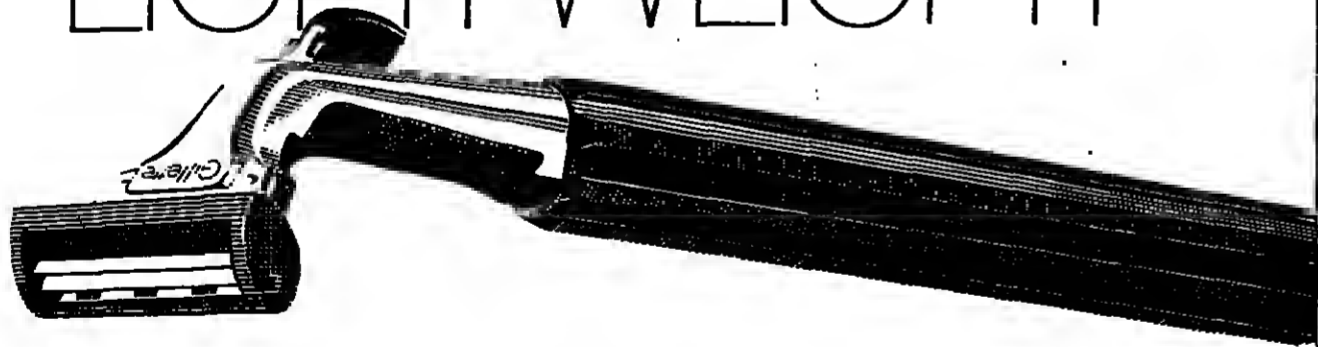
The fourth center was a "supply headquarters" containing printing materials and equipment, and the fifth was "the organization's electronic complex, whose front was that of a refrigerator manufacturing plant." It added that "a number of persons belonging to the terrorist mini-group Peykar were arrested and handed over to the judiciary."

In another development, a bomb exploded Saturday at the Islamic Republican Party HQ in Gachsaran (oilfield town in southwest Iran), damaging part of the building. There were no fatalities.

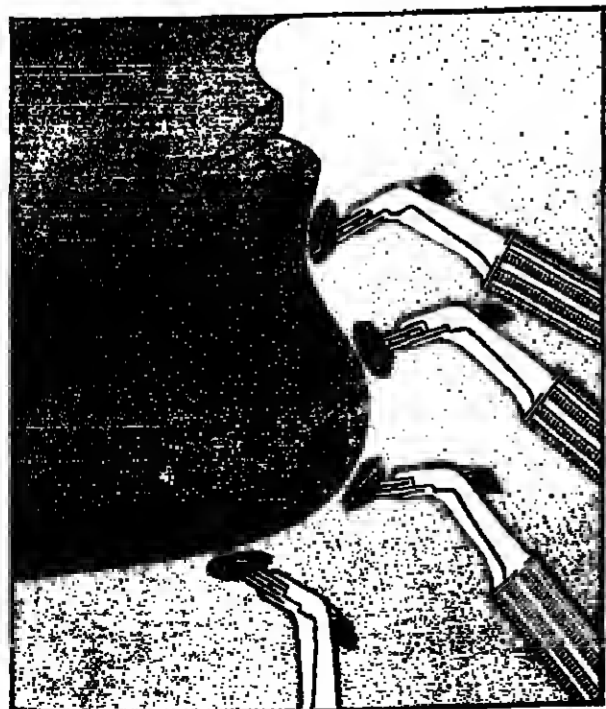
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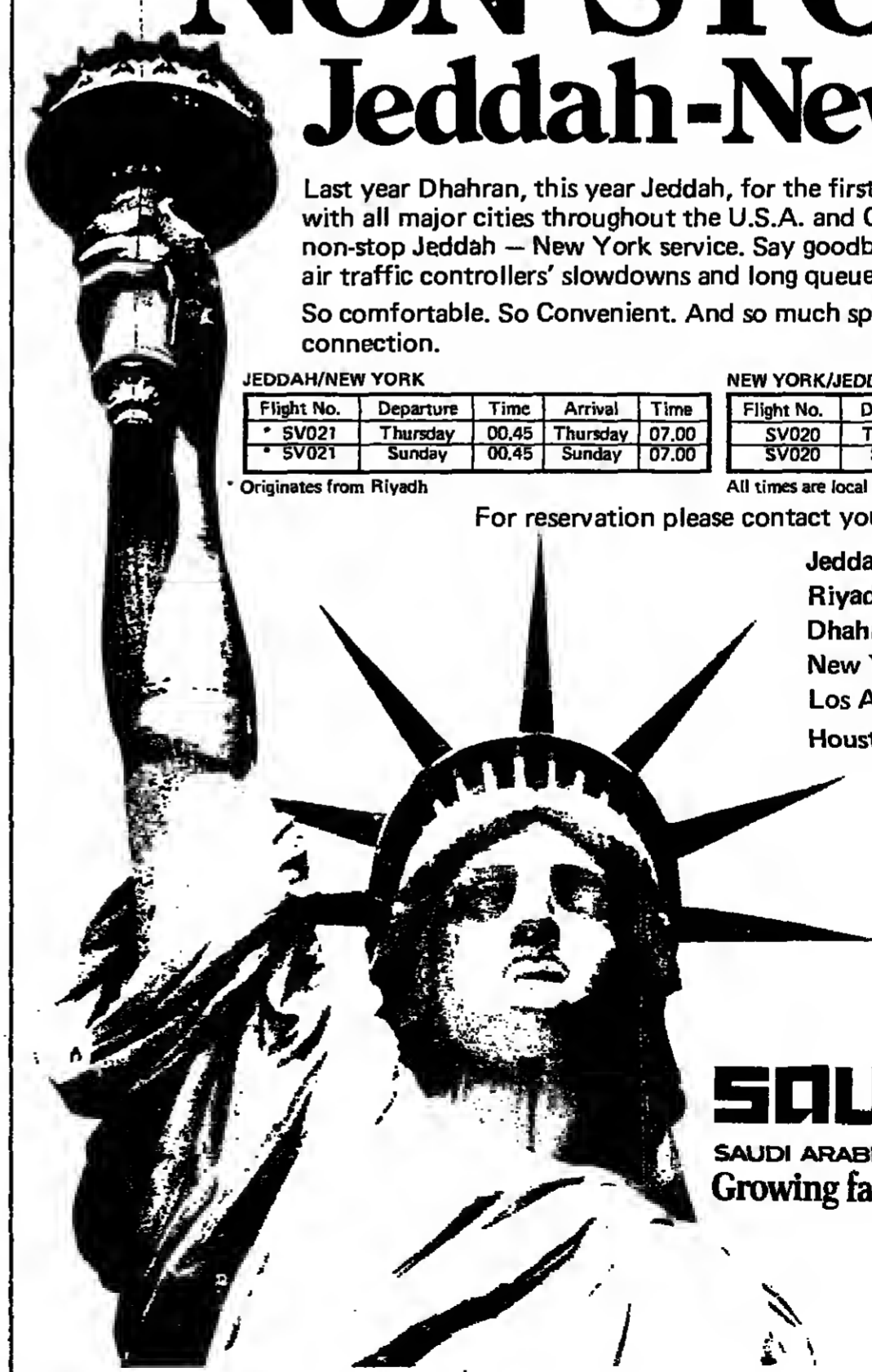
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Reagan may review CIA director issue

WASHINGTON, July 26 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan believes CIA Director William J. Casey "definitely ought to remain in the job" if his only fault was poor judgment in picking the chief of the agency's clandestine service, a White House spokesman said.

However, said presidential spokesman David Gergen, if there are other findings against the embattled CIA director — such as new evidence of wrongdoing in his past financial dealings — Reagan would have to review the matter. Reagan's position, relayed by Gergen, puts the president firmly at odds with Sen. Barry Goldwater, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Goldwater publicly criticized Casey and called for his resignation last week for selecting Max Hugel, a businessman with little experience in the intelligence field, for the highly sensitive job of spy master. Hugel already had resigned in the wake of charges about his own business dealings.

Casey's business background is being reviewed by the Intelligence Committee in the wake of a judge's finding that he and other directors of a now-defunct company knowingly misled stockholders.

After conferring with the president, Gergen told reporters, "if the Intelligence Committee concludes that the only substantial charge against Mr. Casey involves his judgment in the appointment of Mr. Hugel, the president believes that Bill Casey definitely ought to remain on the job."

African news agency to start next year

BAKAR, Senegal, July 26 (AP) — The new Pan African News Agency (PANA) will start operations in 1982, its director-general, Sheikh Ousmane Diallo, told reporters here after a meeting of its inter-governmental council. The exact date is to be set after another meeting of the council in January and a meeting of African information ministers, both in Bakar.

Diallo said Saturday the council had adopted the financial rules of the agency. There will be a general fund in which will be lodged the contributions of the member states, and a separate operating budget, he said.

Lucio Lara of Angola was re-elected president of the inter-governmental council, which is composed of 20 nations — Algeria, Angola, Cameroon, Gbana, Guinea, Mauritius, Kenya, Lesotho, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nigeria, Uganda, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Zaire, Ethiopia — and the secretary-general of the Organization of African Unity.

Asked why Reagan's sanction did not extend to Casey's business dealings, Gergen replied, "we're not trying to make that kind of broad generalization. If there are no major new revelations — which we expect there's not going to be — but if by chance there is — we have no reason to believe there is going to be — that's something we'll have to address at that time."

He said that presidential counsel Fred Fielding, who is reviewing the information being supplied to the Senate committee for its investigations, has found no evidence to change his opinion that Casey was fit for the job.

"The president believes Bill Casey is a good decent man who has served the country well for a good many years," Gergen said. "He also believes Mr. Casey is doing a fine job at the CIA. In light of that background, the president is standing firmly behind Mr. Casey."

Meanwhile Saturday, a Republican member of the Senate Intelligence Committee said the panel will make "a fairly quick evaluation" of Casey's financial affairs.

"I think we are moving toward a resolution," Sen. Richard Lugar, Republican-Indiana, said in an interview on the Cable News network. Accused of questionable financial practices, Casey is due to provide his rebuttal to the committee on Monday.

Lugar said he was concerned about the impact of the controversy on the CIA but also thought "the justice in the situation" called for consideration of Casey's defense. "People in public life ought not to be carnivorous, simply leaping to make mischief," he said.

The senator said the committee would follow an orderly procedure, but also come up with "a rather quick reading" for Reagan to consider. "It's his decision," Lugar said. "The Senate cannot remove Casey, it can offer some advice," he said.

China launches drive against crime

PEKING, July 26 (AP) — The Communist Party has declared that China has made progress in stemming a nationwide crime wave and called for swift and heavy punishment of criminals, including arsonists and robbers.

The central committee's political and legal department said social order has improved in the last two months because ordinary citizens have become crime fighters.

The official Xinbua news agency reported statistics in 18 cities, including Peking and Shanghai, to show that 5,490 criminals were brought to justice by citizens. Civilians offered information on 10,000 other cases. China has launched an anti-crime campaign and mass rallies have been held throughout China to sentence offenders after their court convictions. The party's legal department called for better education of young people, who represent a majority of criminals. It also called for better management of juvenile reformatories, reform-through-labor farms and detention centers.

French poses problem to U.K. envoys

LONDON, July 26 (AP) — Only half the staff at the British Embassy in Paris speak adequate French, while at the Bonn Embassy nearly two-thirds of British representatives can't speak good German, a parliamentary committee has found.

It is, some in the British press feel, carrying too far the national tradition of raising the voice and speaking in simplified English when dealing with foreigners.

British diplomats, according to a report released by the all-party House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, do all right when it comes to more esoteric languages, such as Tamil or Chinese. It's nearer home they fail.

Committee Chairman Sir Anthony Kershaw, a legislator in the ruling Conservative Party, said the Foreign Office had a table of language ability with three categories — "Very Good," "OK" and "Frankly Rotten."

Kershaw said a committee investigation into language ability among staff in West European embassies — from ambassadors to clerks — showed only 52 percent of those in Paris could use French "adequately or better."

The figure for similar competence in German at Britain's Bonn Embassy was 35 percent. The committee recommended introducing an oral test in one foreign language for all entrants to the foreign service, suggesting final high school year standard. A requirement that foreign service entrants speak one foreign language near perfectly was scrapped in 1946 on grounds it favored the expensively educated upper classes.

"Chinese and the more difficult languages, we are quite satisfied about," Kershaw told a news conference. "But we found it rather odd that the languages of Europe were not so well spoken."

Brighton meeting ends Conservationists hail whaling curbs

BRIGHTON, England, July 26 (AP) — Conservationists attending the whale-catch-quota meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) have claimed a major breakthrough in their struggle to save whales from extinction.

The closing session of the IWC voted to allow 13,524 whales to be hunted commercially next year against 14,523 set for 1981. It voted to ban the killing of sperm whales in all ocean waters during the 1981-1982 deep-sea catch season and in the 1982 coastal season.

But it agreed Saturday to reconsider Japan's case for continuing to catch sperm whales if two special meetings, one of its scientific committee, and a special assembly of the commissioners themselves, meeting next March, find that the sperm stock in the northwest Pacific will allow it.

The IWC also voted to prohibit the use of cold harpoon grenades against minke whales, the smallest of the whale species, beginning from the 1982 deep-sea and 1982-1983 coastal seasons, despite reservations from Japan and Norway.

Earlier this week, the commission voted to take small cetaceans, porpoises and dolphins, under its management. It also approved a resolution calling for an inquiry into the effects of metals in industrial waste poured into the sea on coastal whale stocks.

But the whaling nations hocked two major calls from conservationist countries led by the United States, Britain, France and Australia, for worldwide bans on all whaling activity and two calls, one by France for a halt to deep-sea catching of minke whales, and one from Britain to cease hunting fin, sei and sperm whales in the North Atlantic.

Friends of the Earth, the international conservationist group, in a statement referring to the ban on sperm whales said that by "voicing 25 years, one (Japan) no and three abstentions, IWC nations took one more giant step toward the abolition of all whaling in the oceans of the world."

However, Tom Garretton, director of the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration and U.S. commissioner at the IWC, asked what way achieved and how it balanced, replied: "I think it is a fair outcome."

The Japanese are now bent on producing evidence at the March meeting of scientists that the Northwest Pacific coastal sperm stock will allow them to claim a quota for the 1982 coastal season.

"I think our scientists will work hard and be able to convince the scientific committee that we have a scientifically based case to continue sperm whaling," said Shigeru Hasui, managing director of Nippon Kyodo Hogeipkaisha Ltd., and director of the all-Japan Whaling Association.

Sir Peter Scott, chairman of the World Wildlife Fund, thought the ban on the use of cold harpoons was in itself a major advance.

"I think it will help to save about 10,000 minke whales a year," he said.

The IWC conservationist nations want a smaller explosive harpoon which kills instantly but does not destroy the sea mammal. But Japan and Norway, both whaling minkes, have reservations because they say that the search for an improved harpoon head

has not yet produced an effective whaling weapon that could kill instantly

Japan and Norway have the right to lodge an objection against the IWC vote within 90 days they might do so because they fear they will not have the right weapon in time to avoid infractions.

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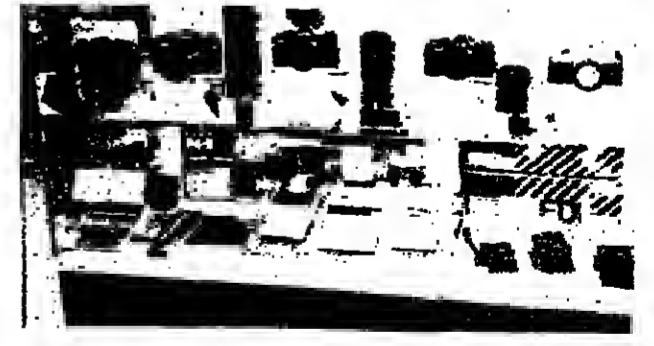
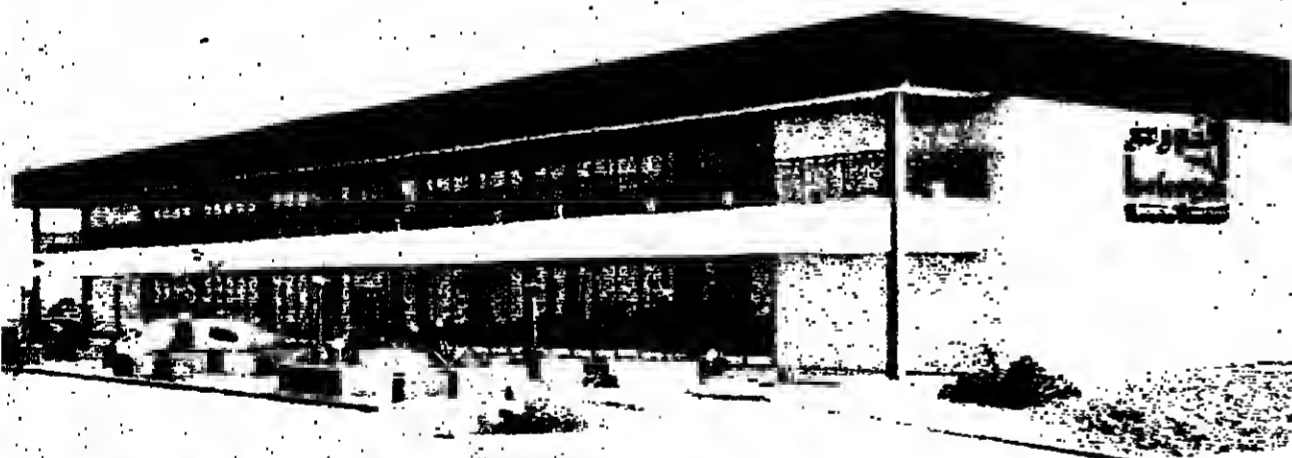
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Japanese press Iran to slash oil price

NICOSIA, July 26 (AFP) — Japanese oil importers have been putting pressure on Iran to cut its oil prices in line with market trends, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) has reported.

MEES said it understood that the Japanese sent a first telex to Iran's National Oil Company (NIOC) a few weeks ago, asking in general terms for a price reduction.

NIOC replied that it would give serious attention to the matters raised by the Japanese, who then sent another telex proposing a price cut of \$4 a barrel. NIOC has not responded.

Last February, Japanese companies signed contracts for a total of some 200 million barrels a day of Iranian crude, and these contracts are to expire between the end of September and the end of December. But some of the companies have reportedly cut back their off-take to below contract levels because of market over-supply, and also said Japanese buyers are putting pressure on Kuwait to ease prices, MEES said.

In another development, Japanese partners in the Iran-Japan Petrochemical Company (IJPC) have decided not to provide any more funds for the nearly completed petrochemical complex being built at Bandar Khomeini on Iran's Gulf coast, the MEES has reported quoting reports from Tokyo.

A spokesman for the Iran Chemical Development Company (ICDC) — the Mitsui-led consortium which is the 50-50 partner with Iran's National Petrochemical Company (NPC) in IJPC — said Thursday that a delegation headed by ICOC President Caroku Yamaguchi will visit Tehran next week.

He will inform Iranian officials that Iran must bear all future costs for the project, the spokesman said, according to the survey.

He added that while the Japanese were prepared to continue selling equipment and to provide technological assistance for the project, they would propose that the present contract be changed to relieve ICDC of any further outlays.

Soviet supply system at sixes and sevens

MOSCOW, July 26 (AFP) — "Sorry, no kitchen tables — they're out of season", the shop assistant's remark symbolises the problems of the over-planned Soviet economy which President Leonid Brezhnev himself has said is troubled by chronic supply problems.

There is now talk of the need for reform or a restructuring of the economy again after the death of former Premier Alexei Kosygin who had suggested decentralization and greater flexibility in economic management.

It is too soon to say that there is a movement favoring such changes, but the 26th congress of the Soviet Communist Party — which reviewed failures of the system — itself encouraged reflection. This reconsideration move is occurring against the background of the situation in Poland and problems of reaching food supplies to some regions of the USSR. The upheaval in Poland does not yet threaten the Soviet Union. But no-one rules out the possibility that the Polish crisis — clearly triggered by economic difficulties — could have repercussions in other Socialist countries, destabilizing their economies and reducing further the supply of consumer goods in the Soviet Union.

Shortages plague most regions of the USSR, but to differing degrees. The evidence is found by reading between the lines of official statements, while press reports are sometimes more explicit.

For example, at Kazan — the capital of the republic of Tatars which has one million inhabitants — monthly rations for people comprise 800 grams (1.76 pounds) of meat, 600 grams of sausages and 600 grams of butter. The same conditions apply in neighboring towns, and similar rations have been introduced at Smolensk 400 kms (250 miles) west of Moscow.

Last week radio Moscow confirmed that the Ukraine is suffering from a shortage of meat, while at Tallin, the Capital of Estonia, restaurants had to close because it was not able to feed its customers. Even Soviet citizens believe that regulated or disguised rationing is widespread. As a Soviet journalist confided: "When a company decides supply a certain amount of food to its workers, it has a rationing system".

Even in Moscow, which is relatively well supplied, many shops sometimes impose restrictions on the sale of such items as butter, sugar or soap. Senior officials have blamed low productivity, poor distribution, and wasteful stockpiling.

At a plenary session of the Communist Party's central committee in November 1979, Brezhnev openly singled out a number of ministers, and critics were taken up again at last October's plenary session.

Richard termed it "a slap in the face for the nine million unemployed in the community."

Budget Commissioner Christopher Tugendhat called on member states to "put their money where their mouths are," in honoring the "fine words" of the past.

Belgium's Ernest Gilnee, leader of the socialist group in the parliament, said the group was determined to restore the cut programs and curb agricultural spending.

The parliament is keenly aware that finance is the one area in which it has real political muscle as it must give final approval to the budget. It has used it vigorously in recent years, often provoking legal battles with the member states. The European parliamentarians have more often than not won the day in boosting social and regional spending.

But this year's inevitable fight between parliament and governments is complicated by efforts to overhaul the budget, two-thirds of which goes to subsidies and assistance to the community's farmers.

While the parliament wants a shift from farm spending to balance the 1982 budget, the member states are anxious not to preempt their own negotiations on the subject, which will culminate in a heads of government meeting in London in November.

Significantly, farm spending escaped the ministers' axe at Friday's meeting, although Britain and West Germany made a determined effort at prudence.

The ministers in effect postponed any decision on how much of the budget the common agricultural policy (CAP) will swallow in future years.

Cry for reform mounts

Pilots' 'go slow' hits Spain flights

MAORIO, July 26 (AP) — A work-to-rule slowdown by pilots of the Spanish national airline Iberia delayed domestic and international flights Sunday as the labor dispute went into its second day.

Madrid Airport reported 16 Iberia flights behind time at midday after 53 flights were delayed up to four hours when the slowdown began Saturday. The Spanish Union of Airline Pilots (SEPLA) began the slowdown after accusing the state-financed company of not complying with an 11 percent general pay raise given to Iberia employees last Jan. 1.

In Oacea, meanwhile, a wildcat strike by air traffic controllers resulted in a six-hour cancellation of all domestic and international flights at Oacea Airport, an official announcement said Saturday.

Another school of thought believes that the short-term investors does not concern himself much with the real rates of return. Funds must be invested while awaiting another use or else the investor is committed to remaining in short-dated funds. In other words it is the last of the money market opportunities available which dictates the investment choice and not the real rates of return.

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MAORIO, July 26 (AP) — A work-to-rule slowdown by pilots of the Spanish national airline Iberia delayed domestic and international flights Sunday as the labor dispute went into its second day.

Madrid Airport reported 16 Iberia flights behind time at midday after 53 flights were delayed up to four hours when the slowdown began Saturday. The Spanish Union of Airline Pilots (SEPLA) began the slowdown after accusing the state-financed company of not complying with an 11 percent general pay raise given to Iberia employees last Jan. 1.

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UAE copper imports up
DUBAI, July 26 (WAM) — The UAE's copper imports last January rose to 560 tons valued at dh. 6.29 million as compared to 439 tons valued at dh. 2.81 million last October, the Dubai-based UAE Arabic daily *Al-Bayan* reported Sunday.

Re-exports of copper last January were 117 tons valued at dh. 1.44 million as compared to 12,899 kg, in December valued at dh. 229,490.

While the parliament wants a shift from farm spending to balance the 1982 budget, the member states are anxious not to preempt their own negotiations on the subject, which will culminate in a heads of government meeting in London in November.

Significantly, farm spending escaped the ministers' axe at Friday's meeting, although Britain and West Germany made a determined effort at prudence.

The ministers in effect postponed any decision on how much of the budget the common agricultural policy (CAP) will swallow in future years.

Libya to bolster ties with France
BEIRUT, July 26 (AFP) — Libya wants economic cooperation with France's new Socialist government to resume and develop, Libyan Deputy Foreign Minister Aho Obaidi was quoted here as saying.

The key to the present better relations, he told the Lebanese weekly *Al-Nahar Arab Report and Memo*, was the end of the freeze on French contracts with Libya, especially arms supply and oil exploration.

He said France had made no conditions for resuming diplomatic relations, which included rebuilding the burned down French embassy in Tripoli. There only remained "a few problems," all of which could be resolved.

Obaidi said France had indicated that it did not consider the Libyan peace keeping force in Chad as illegal and was simply insisting that the Chad situation should be handled in accordance with the resolution of the recent Organization of African Unity summit in Nairobi.

Foreign Exchange Rates
Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Saturday

| | SAMA | Cash | Transfer |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Bahraini Dinar | — | 9.05 | 9.05 |
| Bangladesh Taka (100) | — | 15.10 | 15.10 |
| Belgian Franc (1,000) | \$5.00 | — | 86.10 |
| Canadian Dollar | 2.81 | — | 2.81 |
| Deutsche Mark (100) | 130.00 | 141.50 | 141.50 |
| Dutch Guilder (100) | 125.00 | 127.00 | 126.75 |
| Egyptian Pound | — | 4.00 | 4.21 |
| Emirates Dirham (100) | — | 93.50 | 93.00 |
| French Franc (100) | 58.00 | 59.10 | 58.75 |
| Greek Drachma (1,000) | — | 61.00 | 57.00 |
| Indian Rupee (100) | — | — | 38.30 |
| Iranian Rial (100) | — | 25.00 | — |
| Israeli Dinar | — | 8.00 | — |
| Italian Lira (10,000) | 28.00 | 28.70 | 28.30 |
| Japanese Yen (1,000) | 14.50 | — | 14.60 |
| Jordanian Dinar | — | 10.19 | 10.1550 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | — | 12.11 | 12.05 |
| Lebanese Lira (100) | — | 77.50 | 77.30 |
| Malaysian Ringgit (100) | — | 65.00 | 63.20 |
| Pakistani Rupee (100) | — | — | 34.57 |
| Philippines Peso (100) | — | — | 43.35 |
| Pound Sterling | 6.33 | 6.44 | 6.41 |
| Qatari Rial (100) | — | 94.00 | 93.85 |
| Singapore Dollar (100) | — | — | 158.30 |
| Spanish Peseta (1,000) | — | — | 34.85 |
| Swiss Franc (100) | 162.00 | 160.70 | 163.45 |
| Syrian Lira (100) | — | 56.00 | 56.90 |
| Turkish Lira (1,000) | — | 33.50 | — |
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Ahmad Kamal Khuroo on page 20 looks into the meat business. Related story about a new company that has been floated to improve transport of livestock to the Kingdom on page 22.

Construction continues at a feverish pace at the University of Petroleum and Minerals. Scott Pendleton sees the architect and provides a glimpse into the architectural features of the new facilities that add to the UPM's reputation as one of the most picturesque universities in the Kingdom.

A multimillion riyal housing and shopping complex is in the works in Riyadh. Javid Hossain met the architects of the showpiece for details on the latest business splurge.

Financial Roundup Riyal deposit rates firm

By J. H. Hammond

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| 11. | Al Hijaazi | Orri | Bagged Barley | 20.7.81 |
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| 14. | Spruce | Gosaibi | Steel Pipes | 25.7.81 |
| 15. | Maldive Noble | Orri | General | 25.7.81 |
| 17. | Jarmac-11 | Kanoo | Loading pipes | 24.7.81 |
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Britain's riots shatter notion of stability

By Michael Nally
MANCHESTER —

A battered police van swept down Princess Road, the main thoroughfare in Moss Side, Manchester, as local people aided by emergency services cleared away bricks and broken glass after successive nights of rioting. The van's rear doors were open. Staves and shields carried by black and white youths inside were visible, as was a derisive gesture from one officer to a gang of black and white youths loitering on the pavement.

A white youth said: "They're coming on tougher. Don't worry. We'll be ready for them again one of these nights."

It was a declaration of street war which would have been dismissed as hot air or drink talking until a few weeks ago. But once popular notions about the stability of communities in districts like Moss Side, Toxteth in Liverpool and Brixton in London, which have borne the brunt of the rioting, lie shattered with the glass. The first to go was the notion that everybody but criminals, hooligans and political extremists had some respect, if not affection, for the police. Some of the hundreds of youths who stormed Moss Side police station during the worst rioting in the district belonged to none of those groups.

The youths explained that they were hitting back because they had been hit by the police, often and without just cause. The explanation was convincing because it was offered in genuine anger.

They reviled James Anderson, chief constable of Greater Manchester, who told reporters that most complaints against the police were "myth and rumor."

They were unimpressed by a more conciliatory statement from him: "If in fact young people, for whatever reason, believe that they are being harassed or dealt with by the police unfairly, it is certainly more important that the police should take proper account of that and should take fresh stock of their own attitudes and approaches to young people."

A few youths were preparing to hit back again, and a black youth said: "We can make petrol bombs, can't we? And we'll get worse if we have to. It's not that hard, you know."

It was another declaration which could not be dismissed. The availability of explosives and weapons, however crude they are, is causing increasing concern. Agitators are accused of distributing firecrackers and materials and bombs; cross-bows and air rifles have been stolen; and not all the small arms on the underground market are destined for the hands of professional criminals or terrorists in Northern Ireland.

Desire for revenge on the police for grievances, real and imagined, is one recognizable motive for the rioting. Deprivation and determination to protest against it are others; need as well as greed was behind the looting; and no one in Moss Side needs to be told about discrimination, unemployment and bad housing. But what about the hundreds of youths who joined in the rioting without these motives, attacking, destroying and looting? Are they to be classed with the professional criminals? And if not, what can be done for or about them?

The plea from afflicted communities and desperate families is for convincing answers to those questions and sure remedies. None is forthcoming.

Ministers — having sanctioned the use by the police of water cannon, CS gas and rubber bullets — blame parents, Margaret Thatcher, the Conservative prime minister, castigates them, William Whitelaw, the home secretary, is considering legislation to penalize those who fail to control their children which will require fine judgment indeed.

Conservative politicians blame the education system. They call for stricter discipline, which means more corporal punishment, and tighter curricula, which means less "nonsense" about political and ethnic diversity and civil rights. Labor politicians blame the government. They call for full employment, and more aid for inner city areas and youth employment programs.

Away from Westminster, debate is more profound and wide-ranging. The emphasis is on diagnosis and cure, not containment. Postwar society is condemned for making a virtue of materialism while too many live still in relative poverty, closer to affluence than the poor of the 1920s and 1930s but still unable to enjoy the wares and frivilleries dangled before them by advertisers. The glorification of individual achievement at the expense of communal well-being is deplored.

Margaret Simey, a Toxteth councillor and chairman of the Merseyside Police Authority, said: "They do these things because their lives are empty of feeling, because no one wants them, because they feel excluded from society." Such sentiment is scored by police recovering from bruising by the bricks, property owners anxiously studying clauses in their insurance policies and families praying that the worst is really over. And it cuts no ice with the loitering youths.

Another black youth said: "It's a fight. We try them, they take us. You're seeing something."

Whatever that something is, it does not merit the Draconian response advocated by some police spokesmen and Conservatives. The fiercest rioting in Britain was never as fierce as some of the rioting in Europe and the United States in recent years.



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Ingredients for 'Watts Two' are here

By William Scobie

LOS ANGELES —
What of Watts these days? While Brixton in London was burning two weeks ago, how fares the steamy ghetto on Los Angeles' south side where it all began, 16 years ago? In the nation's first great urban riot 34 people died, a thousand were injured and \$80 million in property went up in smoke that summer of 1965.

Watts set off America's inner cities like a string of firecrackers. In one year, 164 black ghettos exploded. Burn, baby, burn was the revolutionary battle cry. If nothing else, it opened the flood gates of federal relief. Some \$250 million flowed into Watts alone to redevelop, rebuild, renew. Wherever, did it go, you wonder, driving along 103rd Street, "Charcoal Alley," Watts' old front line.

A guide (black) beside me, I beaded down 103rd recently past empty lots, pawnshops, food stamp queues, ball-bond offices, stores, more empty lots. Gangs of jobless sat on the kerbs in stifling heat, played craps, popped pills, brown-bagged "white port," discussed the latest liquor store holdup. At a traffic light, a sharply-dressed young man approached the car, offering dope.

"Honey, even I don't come down here at night," says assembly woman Maxine Waters, a dynamic black woman who represents the district in the California legislature. "The housing projects are full of guys doped out on PCP — angel dust. Bad stuff."

"We have new buildings, but no jobs. And the public transport! It takes four hours and three buses to get where the work is. Private enterprise never came in to follow up the handouts. Until it does all the charity in the world won't help."

Nationwide, black unemployment stands at 14 percent, twice the rate for whites. In Watts, say urban leaders, it's a desperate 60 percent, and up to 80 percent among teenagers looking for a first job. So there are muggings, robberies, a lot of deaths, too. Young black males under 25 now lead all statistical groups in killing themselves.

"The same old hell-hole, only worse," said my guide. Indeed, compared with the economic and spiritual desolation you meet today, the conditions of 16 years ago seem almost salubrious. Like other black leaders, Maxine Waters believes that all the ingredients for a "Watts Two" are here. The violence, the bitterness of the unemployed, the poisoned relations with police. "It just needs a spark to the fuse." So why, given so many years of worsening conditions, has there been no new outburst?

Black sociologists say the 1960s were years of high expectations — now no one expects much of anything. Apathy and cynicism have eroded the fighting spirit of the sixties. This is the era of "individual response," of doping oneself to death, of every kid for himself in savage, interracine gang wars.

Watts, like poor black neighborhoods elsewhere, is "implosion," laboring to self-destruct. Its frustration and sense of helplessness are reflected in soaring gang war figures. Police put Southern California's 700 youth gangs at a total strength of more than 50,000, and blame them for a third of the 2,000 murders in LA County last year. Now, with their home turf so thoroughly picked over, the marauders are foraging out from the inner city to prey on LA's wealthy white suburbs.

Such is the legacy of 1965's six-day orgy of arson and looting triggered by a bungled street arrest. Lyndon Johnson's "great society" was shocked and the guilt industry went into top gear. White businessmen paid their first visits to the ghetto, pledging jobs and money. Federal funds built new housing, a health center, the \$40 million Luther King Hospital. Some 200 anti-poverty groups sprang up. As a worker in one of them says today: "You just stuck your hat out the window and it filled with greenbacks."

Some said the massive infusion encouraged a "welfare mentality" but it wasn't entirely in vain. More blacks went to college, more escaped into the middle classes, into sports, entertainment, even politics. Among the 3,000 black elected officials in

the U.S. today is LA mayor Tom Bradley, who may well become governor of California next year.

Americans are watching British reactions to the disturbances of recent weeks with deep fascination. The approach of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has set both conservative and liberal political adrenalin flowing. For years, the liberals had the urban riot theory field to themselves: unemployment, oppression, police brutality, black rage... But recently conservatives have been examining Watts anew through their own ideological spectacles and finding fresh explanations.

In these theories Watts, a township of "adequate" single-family homes, was suddenly set by its own criminal minority. There followed, as one study put it, "a collectic celebration in the manner of a carnival during which scores of liquor stores were robbed." The unemployed were thirsty, but scarcely hungry in the state with the nation's largest, costliest welfare system.

Two-thirds of the adults arrested in Watts were criminals with records, claims the study, and many of the others were gainfully-employed people on a mere "foray for pillage."

"From Watts to Liverpool," wrote a favorite columnist of President Reagan, George F. Will, recently, "the 'cry for help' seems really to be a cry for a free color TV."

That the British should be delving for help into the Kerner Commission report blaming U.S. riots on "white racism" irritates conservatives here. The concerned Briton should be studying Midge Decker's *Looking And Liberal Racism*, which reveals how the federal welfare industry makes "victims" of its clients and gives looters "permission to riot" by attitudes and policies which "proclaim that race and poverty are sufficient excuses for lawlessness." In short, not the blacks, not the cops, not the white racists, but the liberals are to blame.

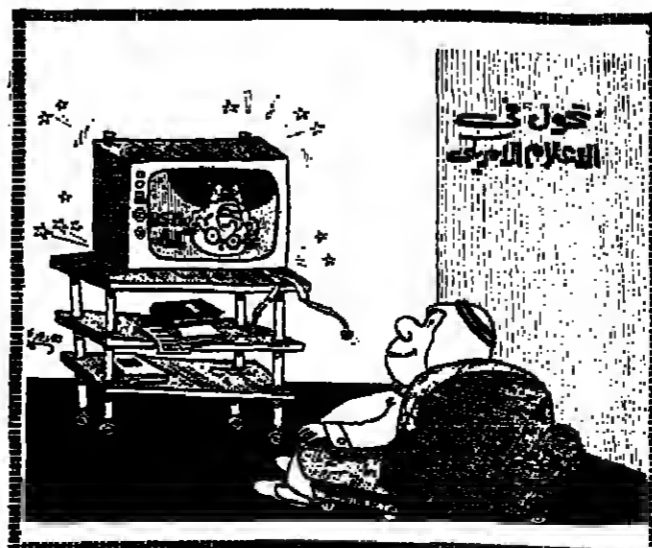
This reckless new strain of rhetoric has not gone down well in Watts itself, where black leaders such as Maxine Waters (a liberal Democrat) spend much time trying to reduce the number of blacks shot annually by the police. Although blacks make up 18 percent of LA's population, according to a police commission report no less than 55 percent of all persons shot by LA police between 1974 and 1978 were black, as were 50 percent of all who were killed by police guns.

A large number of victims were later found to be unarmed, but only one indictment has been brought against officers in recent years: a gasoline station owner was shot by three officers who saw him with a shotgun but failed to ask whether he was robbing the station or defending it. The officers were acquitted, the man is now a paraplegic.

"To the cops, every black is a potential killer," says a Watts resident. "The least wrong move can send you to the morgue." Waters complains that police learned nothing from the riots and think "the only way to stop blacks acting worse is to beat them on the head." So Watts has come full circle, from its post-riot hopes of 15 years ago when bureaucrats and black leaders shared a sense of urgency and purpose in a drive to create something like real social justice to today's relapse into a gang-ridden, police-encircled ghetto-of-no-escape. (ONS)

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A "shift" in the U.S. information policy!

Al Medina

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Sunday led with the deliberations of the Arab Follow-Up Committee on Lebanon, which began Saturday under the chairmanship of President Elias Sarkis of Lebanon. The committee will discuss an accord on a political and military truce to be followed by other steps, which will be implemented in accordance with a specific program in political and security spheres. In a lead story, *Al Jazirah* highlighted PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's reaffirmation that the Palestinians will support any positive step to be taken by the committee. Some newspapers gave prominence to Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's hopes for reaching solution to the Lebanese crisis during the committee's deliberations.

In a front-page story, *Al Medina* quoted Arafat as saying that the Palestinian resistance will remain committed to the ceasefire, but it would not mean that peace has been achieved. In another page one story, the same paper said that Arafat will go to Moscow soon to seek military and political aid from the Soviet Union. *Al Nadwa* highlighted the PLO leader's statement in which he said that "our aim is a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, and the ceasefire is linked to a halt to the Israeli onslaughts". *Al Nadwa* also gave page one coverage to Muhammad Ali Rajai's win in the president's elections in Iran.

Newspapers played as a front-page story Crown Prince Fahd's message to Arafat on the efforts which have been made to effect a ceasefire on the Lebanese borders with occupied Palestine: Mon-

day's meeting of the Security Council to discuss the Lebanese demands figured prominently on the front page of *Okaz*; while *Al Bilad* highlighted Kuwait's loan of KD 8 million to Zimbabwe to help in the development of its railroad system.

Commenting on Saudi Arabia's role in bringing about a ceasefire in Lebanon, *Al Medina* observed that the Kingdom's leadership has made concerted efforts in this direction and the Saudi Arabian diplomacy has played a prominent role in minimizing the Lebanese tragedy. The paper said that the Kingdom has persistently pursued a wise and balanced policy with full regard to its Islamic and Arab responsibility. During the recent Israeli attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor and its fresh onslaughts on the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples, Saudi Arabia threw its full weight in the political battle and exercised its maximum political influence on America. Its diplomatic efforts brought about a ceasefire in Lebanon, the paper said.

Al Jazirah also focused on the Kingdom's role in containing the Lebanese crisis, saying that Saudi Arabia's support for the legitimate authority in Lebanon and for the Palestinian resistance increased whenever the Israeli enemy escalated its barbaric activities against the peoples of Lebanon and Palestine. Its material and moral support has enabled the Arab nation to foil all enemy attempts to isolate Lebanon from the Arab body and make it succumb to its own wishes. The paper added that the Kingdom has always tried to create an atmos-

phere of peace and security in Lebanon and it is only because of its concerted efforts that the Arab Follow-Up Committee achieved success in its efforts to bring about a national reconciliation.

Okaz also dealt with the same subject and said that it is necessary for the Lebanese to give a favorable response to the Kingdom's efforts within the framework of the Arab Follow-Up Committee. The paper said that Israel was gripped with hysteria when it came to realize that Lebanon has been put on the right track by making a national reconciliation a tangible reality. It added reassuringly that Saudi Arabia as also all other Arab states will not overlook the material and military assistance being given to Israel by its supporters. But they will first of all use all diplomatic means and, if they don't find their diplomatic efforts showing any fruitful results, they will determine their relations with any country of the world on the basis of its stance on the Arab issues, said the paper.

Commenting on the wave of Israeli attacks, *Al Nadwa* noted that Israeli onslaughts have surpassed all forms of barbaric activities recorded in history. It urged all Arab powers to hasten to equip the Palestinian resistance forces with sophisticated weapons, especially with anti-aircraft rockets. Any delay in the adoption of this measure would give time for the enemy to continue to hit the Arab targets and drive out the Arabs from their homes. The sooner the resistance forces are equipped with modern weaponry the stronger they will be in their confrontation of the enemy, said the paper.

المنافسة

Birner continues giant-killing form

Unseeded Gomez topples Lendl

WASHINGTON, July 26 (AP) — Ecuador's Andres Gomez knocked off top-seeded Ivan Lendl and Czechoslovakia's Stanislav Birner surprised 12th-seeded Mel Purcell Saturday to advance to the semifinals of the \$200,000 Washington Star International Tennis Championships.

Gomez, whose victory will mark his first appearance to a semifinal round as a singles player in 1981, beat Lendl 2-6, 7-6, 6-4. Birner, who qualified for the tournament field after winning three matches in a qualifying round, came from behind for a 1-6, 6-3, 6-1 victory.

known for his doubles play, credited his ability to make the big points for his victory. "I hit out on the big points. This is what you have to do to beat him," Gomez said.

The 21-year-old Gomez, who is better

To retain WBA crown Chandler kayoes Solis

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, July 26 (AP) — Philadelphia's Jeff Chandler retained his World Boxing Association bantamweight crown Saturday with a seventh-round knockout of Julian Solis in their scheduled 15-round title bout.

Chandler, 24, scored the knockout with a left jab and a right cross to the chin of Solis. The 24-year-old Solis, who lost the title to Chandler in November, was counted out by referee Tony Perez at 2:58 of the round.

Chandler, 115 1/2 lbs, lifted the crown from Solis, 117 1/2, with a 14th-round knockout last November. Throughout the first five rounds here, Solis had successfully crowded

Strange forces three-way tie in Busch Golf

WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia, July 26 (AP) — Hometown favorite Curtis Strange preserved a course-record, 7-under-par 64 with a scrambling par on the final hole and surged into a three-way tie for the third-round lead Saturday in the \$300,000 Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic.

Strange, who represents the Kingsmill Golf Club on the PGA tour and whose home is only a mile away, compiled a 54-hole total of 209. He was four shots under par on the billy, 6,822-yard layout that has been the subject of considerable criticism from some of his fellow tourists.

and gusty winds. Zimbabwe's Nick Price scored four birdies for a third round 70 to maintain his overall lead in the 62nd Dutch Open Golf Championship.

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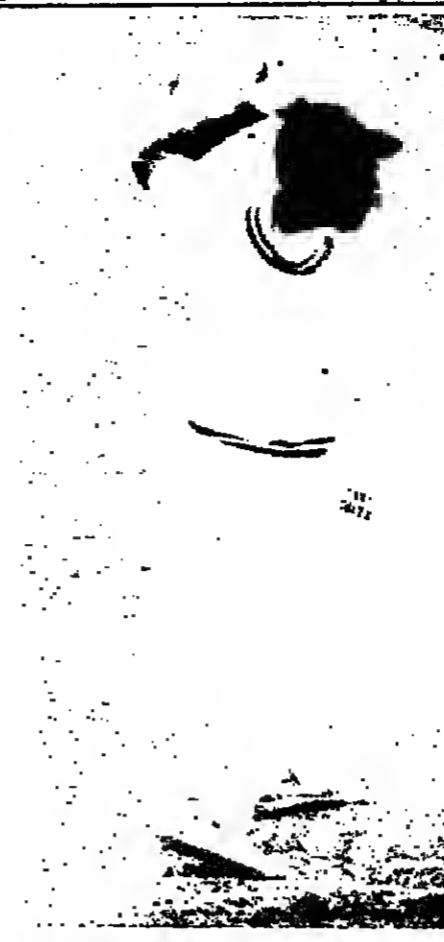
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MAN OF THE MATCH: Somerset's Viv Richards smashes the ball to the fence in his majestic knock of 132 that helped Somerset lift the Benson and Hedges Cup Sunday

Richards, Garner help Somerset lift B&H Cup

LONDON, July 26 (AFP) — West Indian Viv Richards confirmed his taste for big occasions at Lord's Sunday with an impetuous century to lift the Benson and Hedges Cup for Somerset.

Richards' century was a masterpiece of timing and accuracy. He hit 132 runs off only 128 balls and included 15 fours and one six.

The 29-year-old West Indian Test batsman scored a majestic unbeaten 132 as Somerset romped past Surrey's 104 for eight with 10.3 overs to spare.

Although Garner had destroyed Surrey with his accuracy, former England spinner Jim Laker had little hesitation in naming Richards 'man-of-the-match'.

TCCB suspends Younis Ahmed

LONDON, July 26 (AFP) — Worcestershire batsman Younis Ahmed has been suspended for one match by the Test and County Cricket Board disciplinary committee for showing public dissent.

Kathy moves into top berth

LA GRANGE, Illinois, July 26 (AP) — Veteran Kathy Whitworth took sole possession of the third-round lead Saturday in the 89th USGA Women's Open Golf Championship.

Whitworth, 41, has won 81 tournaments but never the coveted Open. She shot a 1-under-par 71 for her third straight sub-par round and a 54-hole tally of 210, 6-under-par.

Eid Al-Fitr advertisement featuring portraits of King Khalid Bin Abdul Aziz, HRH Crown Prince Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz, and HRH Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz. The text includes greetings and wishes for the occasion.

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American athletes keep winning streak

BUCHAREST, Romania, July 26 (AP) — The United States and Soviet Union continued their two-way battle in swimming competitions at the World University Games Saturday as two Soviet swimmers set game record and American Kim Carlisle took the gold in the women's 200 meter individual medley.

Soviet Sergei Fessenko captured the gold with a record-setting 2:06.34 in the men's 200 meter individual medley, and Alexander Chaez repeated the feat 30 minutes later in the 1,500 freestyle. His time of 15:22.25 smashed the old record of 15:46.94, set by American John Watson in 1977, by more than 20 seconds.

Second place was Soviet Sergei Kalashnikov with a 15:40.62, and the bronze went to Monte Brown of the United States who clocked a 15:47.70.

Carlisle, who finished second in the women's preliminaries for the individual medley, touched the wall for the gold in a race-close finish that brought the crown to its feet. Her time was 2:20.43, less than a second ahead of Soviet Olga Klevakina, who

had won the preliminary heats earlier in the day.

After nearly a week of competition at the open-air 23 August pool here, the United States took seven of the 15 gold medals awarded in swimming competition and the Soviet Union won six.

On the track, Cliff Wiley beat teammate Walter McCoy and the effects of an asthma attack to win the 400 meters gold medal. Wiley, a 26-year-old law student at the University of Kansas, held off McCoy down the final straight to win in 45.18 seconds. McCoy, 22, from Florida State, was second in 45.23 with Andrade Gerson Souza of Brazil third in 45.91.

Klaus Ploghaus of West Germany, the defending hammer throw champion, retained his title with a throw of 77.74 meters exactly two meters better than the university games record he set in Mexico City two years ago.

Yuri Tamm of the Soviet Union took the silver with 76.54. Also well inside the former record, with Igor Nikoulin snatching the bronze medal from West German Manfred Huning with his final throw.

U.S. cagers pip Soviets

BUCHAREST, Romania July 26 (AP) — Howard Carter scored 28 points and John Pinone 27 as a fast-moving U.S. team beat the Soviet Union 113-107 in double overtime at the World University Games Basketball Tournament Saturday.

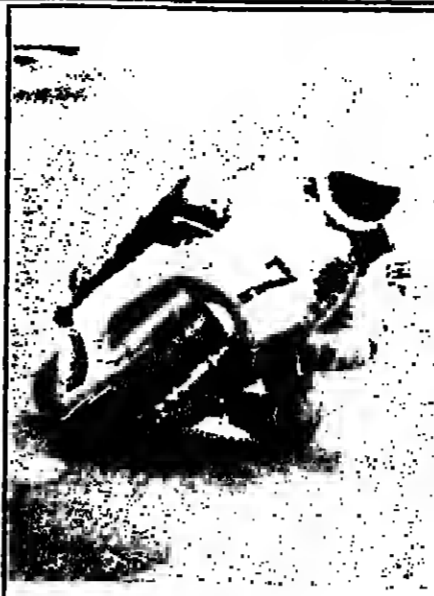
The Americans, down as many as eight points in the first half, overcame early mistakes and streaked to a 10-point lead in the first three minutes of the second period.

But the Soviet's hot outside shooters Sergei Iovaisa with a game-high 29 points, and Genady Kapustin, with 20, kept the game close.

Regulation play ended at 93 all, and Soviet 7-foot-four center Vladimir Tkachenko fouled out on a disputed call early in the first overtime. Soviet coach Vladimir Kolos bitterly protested another call that sent the game into the second overtime at 101 apiece.

A foul was called against the United States in a crowded battle under the Soviet basket. Officials at first signaled for two free throws, but it was then ruled that time expired before the whistle.

The noise from the crowd of about 1,600, mostly Romanians cheering the United States, made it nearly impossible to hear either the foul whistle or the final whistle.



Mike Baldwin
Baldwin tops
TOKYO, July 26 (AFP) — Mike Baldwin of the United States, teamed with fellow countryman Devo Aldana, drove his Honda RS-1,000 to victory here Sunday in the eight-hour Suzuki Endurance races, the fifth-leg of the eight-race 1981 world Championship series.

Rugby council to decide on Springbok tour today

WELLINGTON, July 26 (AFP) — The New Zealand government has decided not to call off the Springbok tour at this stage.

The New Zealand Rugby Union Council will, however, meet Monday to consider the future of the South Africans' tour which has been marred by violent clashes between pro and anti-tour factions. The council meeting follows a day of discussions between the police, rugby union and senior government ministers.

The meetings came after Saturday's game between the Springboks and Waikato was abandoned when hundreds of anti-tour protestors invaded the ground. Acting Prime Minister Duncan MacCintyre said Sunday the Rugby Union Council must decide whether the tour proceeds.

Together with the ministers of police, justice, and other senior cabinet men, MacCintyre had spent more than two hours in talks with the police commissioner, Bob Walton. "Government policy remains that there is nothing unlawful about playing a game of rugby," said MacCintyre.

"I would appeal to the genuine protestors as well as to rugby supporters, to reject violence. I am appealing to both sides to show restraint and exercise commonsense, and to keep within the law," he said.

"There are forces working within New Zealand which no longer have any respect for law and order," he added. MacCintyre said the Halt All Racist Tour organization (HART) is no longer in control of the anti-tour movement.

It was clear "some groups are going to protests spoiling for a fight, if my appeal is unsuccessful it is up to the commissioner of police to advise whether he can contain the situation," he said.

Earlier, 200 policemen involved in Saturday's action at Hamilton had met and criticized Walton's handling of the confrontation at rugby park. The men said the police chief had not done enough to prevent the protestors hurrying in the grounds.

Walton had taken personal control of police at the scene. He told reporters he had handled the situation the way he saw it. "I must accept the responsibility for what happens," he said but he refused to comment on his meeting with the acting prime minister.

In accident-marred race Carter drives to victory

BROOKLYN, Michigan, July 26 (AP) — Pancho Carter survived an early spin, a 97-minute race delay caused by a serious fuel fire and a late charge by Tony Bettenhausen to win the accident-marred Norton Michigan 500 Indy-Car race Saturday at Michigan International Speedway. Fifteen people were hurt during the race — 14 of them in the fire.

The 15th and most serious injury was suffered by veteran driver A. J. Foyt, who crashed into a wall and was hospitalized for multiple injuries.

It was the first Indy-car victory for the 31-year-old Carter. His best previous finish since joining the Indy circuit in 1974 was second on five occasions. He averaged 132.34 miles per hour in a race slowed by 13 caution periods.

Bettenhausen was the only driver on the same lap with Carter, finishing just 1.6 seconds behind.

Foyt, 48, considered America's outstanding racer after unparalleled success in all forms of auto racing, was knocked unconscious briefly when his Coyote-Cosworth struck the wall on the second turn of lap 80, car owner Jim Gilmore said. It then took crews several minutes before they could cut Foyt from his wrecked auto.

Only two cars finished the entire 250 laps and just 11 of the 37 starters remained at the end. Carter, who pocketed \$65,000 of the \$500,000 purse, spun his PC-7-Cosworth on lap 25, but managed to keep from crashing. A lap later, the caution light came out, prompting many of the drivers to make pit stops.

A fire broke out in the pit of Herm Johnson igniting him and several of his pit crew. The blaze, triggered by a malfunction in the hose to his 240-gallon pit tank of volatile methanol, spread to at least three other tanks, exploded an air compressor and burned tires.

Shergar joins select band

ASCOT, England, July 26 (R) — The Aga Khan's Sbergar joined the all time greats of the racing world with a stunning four lengths triumph in the King George VII and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot Saturday.

Shergar, ridden superbly by 19-year-old Walter Swinbourne, became the fifth horse in history to complete a rare treble of the English and Irish derbies and the King George VI, following Nijinsky, Grundy, the Minstrel and Troy.

It was the three-year-old colt's fifth win in

1981 and his latest victory earned the Aga Khan 119,206 sterling (\$238,412). Sbergar was meeting older horses for the first time in Europe's premier one-and-a-half mile race for colts and fillies, but he left his elders trailing far behind as he romped home ahead of Madam Gay, winner of the French Oaks, with Fingal's Cave a short head away third.

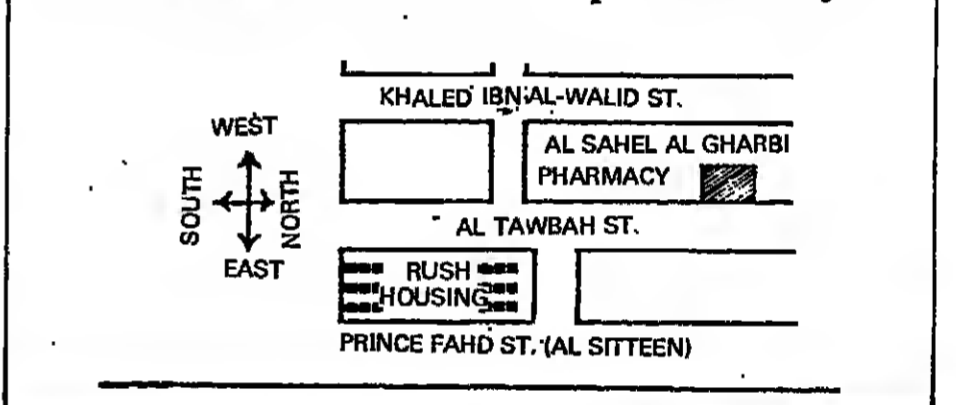
It was a bad day for one firm of bookmakers who took two bets of 11,000 sterling (\$19,800) to win 4,000 (\$7,200). Sbergar's odds were finally cut of 5-2 on, with Madam Gay and Fingal's Cave coming home at 40-1.

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I KNOW... WE'RE FEATURING THE ARBITRATORS THIS YEAR.

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NICE VACATION
YES, BUT IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME
OH, DEAR - I FORGOT TO CANCEL THE MILK

SMALL SOCIETY
THE RECESSION HASN'T HIT ME YET -
WE CAN STILL LIVE BEYOND OUR MEANS -

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♣ 7 3 2

SOUTH
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Opening lead — king of spades.

Hirschberg now led the ten of diamonds. East could not afford to ruff with the three, since South would overruff with the six and trump a spade in dummy, so he ruffed with the seven.

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Your Individual Horoscope
Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, JULY 27, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Important talks with loved ones center on investments and security. Deceptive trends are likely to prevail later. Be skeptical!

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Increased work output leads to financial gain. In the evening, steer clear of dubious financial schemes proposed by others.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
You'll make a good impression on others now. However, you may tend to be too glib towards evening. Don't trust strangers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21)
The health of others may be a concern now. Revised plans about family affairs should work out well. Let reason prevail over sentiment.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22)
A friend confides in you. Speak out at club meetings. Let others know where you stand. Be realistic in all that affects romance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Business contacts provide valuable advice. New moneymaking ideas are

workable. A close relative's behavior may perplex you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Business luncheons are favored. Afternoon favors important meetings and discussions. Later, others prove to be not quite aboveboard.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Meet with financial advisers. Be closemouthed about important business matters. Safeguard possessions after dark. Be security-minded.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
You'll make an important decision with a close tie about joint assets. Social life looks promising. Don't be evasive about plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Career matters improve now, but don't take everyone into your confidence, especially after dark. Higher-ups are supportive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Children are amenable to your suggestions. Make plans for travel. Friends may be difficult to figure out towards nightfall.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
Home entertainments are favored. Shared mental interests add to romantic rapport. Don't take things for granted about a career move.

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

44 Foyer
1 Modern energy
6 Cut, as timber
11 Animated
12 Susceptible
13 One kind of closet
14 Main artery
15 "All About —"
16 Be mistaken
18 Sheep tick
19 Farmer of India
20 Distress
21 Mining find
22 Deed
24 Ever and —
25 Set an example
27 Devil incarnate
28 Avouch
29 Camera feature
30 French article
31 Stripling
32 Roll of "Hamiltons"

DOWN

1 Oregon city
2 Green or stuffed —
3 Ancestry
4 Blvd.
5 New start
6 Extra
7 Nigerian
8 Earn a promotion
9 Begin
10 Kingsley drama
17 Fall into decay
23 Suffix
for auction
24 French river
25 Uneasiness
26 Infested
27 The "F"
28 Remiss
29 Suspicious about
30 Revolted
31 Estery
32 Ending for wood or tin
33 Dinen core

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A X E
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One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

H V G M H G C V H N V G G M N H
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| 4:30 Quran, Program Review; 4:35 Educational Program; 5:15 Children's Program; 6:15 Local News, Maghreb Prayer; Call: 6:45 Religious Feature; 7:15 Folklore Program; 7:45 News in English; 8:00 Symposium, during which the Isha Prayers Call will take place; 9:00 News in Arabic, Daily Series, Songs; 10:30 Arabic Film; 11:30 Close-down. | 2:00 Quran, 2:15 Religious talk and music; 2:45 Cartoons/Space Adventure; 3:50 Religious Talk; 4:00 Arabic Series; 5:00 Telethon; 5:00 Religious Series; 6:45 Ramadan Talk; 7:30 Ramadan Quiz; 8:00 News; 8:10 Religious Discussion; 9:00 Arabic Comedy; 9:30 Documentary; 10:00 News; 10:30 Arabic Series; 11:00 Indian Film. | 7:30 Quran; 7:40 Spirit of Islam; 7:45 Lesse; 8:05 To Rome With Love; 8:25 News; 8:30 Paper Chase; 9:30 Spring and autumn; 10:00 News; 10:25 with the Quran in Ramadan; 10:35 Flicks; 11:15 Link With Channel 10. | 8:00 Quran; 8:05 Cartoons; 8:30 Camp Wilderness; 9:00 News in English; 9:15 Roving Report; 9:40 Alphabet, The Story of Writing; 10:30 Film: Digby, The Biggest Dog in the World. | 12:00 Quran; 12:15 Religious Talk; 12:30 Blue Submarine; 1:00 Muppets; 1:30 Little Muslim Contest; 1:45 One — Act Arabic; 2:30 Panel with Sheikh Sha' Ameri; 3:30 Religious Talk; 3:45 Cartoons; 3:55 Health for All; 4:00 Virginian; 5:15 Religious Contest; 5:30 Daily Religious Series; 6:00 Quran Religious Talk; 6:45 Ramadan Quiz; 7:15 Daily Arabic Comedy Series; 8:15 Daily Arabic Series; 9:00 Arabic News; 9:45 The Best Days/Danah; 10:00 Daily Arabic Historical Series; 10:45 Bin Al-Waleed/Eziddin Al-Qasbi; 11:45 Kuwaiti Series Private lesson/The sparrow; 12:15 without protocol; 12:45 Local Comedy; 2:00 News. | 4:02 Quran; 4:17 Today's Programs; 4:20 Cartoons; 4:50 Students' Program; 5:40 Adult Education; 6:10 Songs; 6:15 Religious Program; 7:00 Police/Army Discussions; 7:30 Arabic Film Series; 8:20 Folk Songs; 8:50 Arabic News; 9:00 Cultural Series; 9:30 Arabic Local News; 9:45 Songs; 10:00 English News; 10:30 Arabic Film; 12:10 News; 12:20 Quran. | 6:45 Quran; 7:00 George; 7:25 Bonanza; 8:15 True Adventure; 8:40 Cannon Theater; 9:30 Get Smart; 9:55 Feature; 11:10 Bill Cosby; 11:45 Rookies. |

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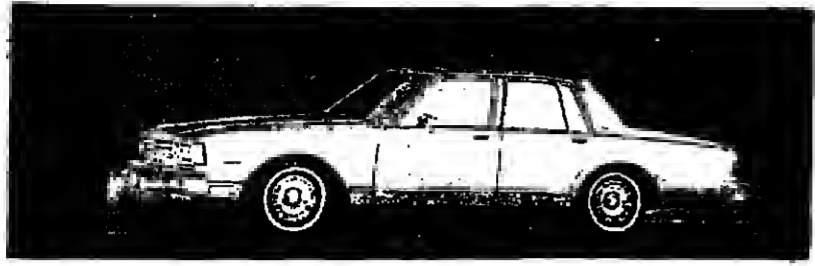
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As riot police watch IRA protest parade ends without trouble

DUBLIN, July 26 (AP) — A protest march in support of IRA hunger strikers in Northern Ireland has passed quietly through Dublin, watched by riot-helmeted police in driving rain.

With a 650-man battalion of armed troops standing by, the estimated 7,000 marchers made no effort to approach the British Embassy, scene of fierce clashes between demonstrators and police a week earlier which left more than 200 injured.

Authorities had feared a repetition but police said there was no serious trouble Saturday. Three men from Dublin were arrested for possession of potential weapons and a nailed club, a slingshot with ball bearings and a pointed steel pole were confiscated.

At Britain's Maze Prison near Belfast in the north, two hunger strikers were Sunday "lingering on the verge of death," according to Sinn Fein, political wing of the Irish Republican Army.

Kieran Doherty, 65 days without food, and Kevin Lynch, an hunger strike for 64 days, were in critical condition in the Maze hospital wing. Both men are 25. Doherty was elected a member of the Irish parliament on June 11.

Poles brace for week of protests

WARSAW, July 26 (Agencies) — Authorities here were bracing themselves Sunday for a week of protests over food shortages, proposed ration cuts and price increases.

Bus and truck drivers have planned Monday protest parades with their vehicles in Lodz, Poland's second city, where women will stage demonstrations during the week against lack of foodstuffs and other essential items. The shortage of foodstuffs has resulted in street scenes with people racing madly after delivery trucks, fistfights in lines outside shops and storming of stores by hungry crowds.

Hundreds marched through the central Polish town of Kutno Saturday to protest food shortages as Solidarity's national leaders pledged to use all means — "strikes included" — to keep food rations from dropping.

About 250 gathered in a driving rain outside Kutno's railway station but the downpour ceased promptly at 5 p.m. when they began walking. Bystanders and persons waiting in the town's "Freedom Square" for a rally swelled their number to about 1,000. The march was the first organized rally to protest food problems since an unexpected price increase sparked strikes last summer and led to formation of Solidarity.

Protesters marched behind signs saying "We Demand Economic Reform, Not Price Increases," and "We Demand Life on the Level of a Civilized Country."

The marchers went past shops with empty shelves, a bakery with a sign that indicated there had been no goods there since July 12, and to the "Freedom Square" where independent union leaders read out a resolution sent to Premier Gen. Czeslaw Jaruzelski outlining the town's complaints.

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Brigades' victim condemned to death

NAPLES, Italy, July 26 (Agencies) — The Red Brigades, who have recently released two kidnap victims and killed a third, announced Saturday they had "condemned to death" the fourth victim, the brother of a former urban guerrilla who turned state's evidence.

The Red Brigades said Saturday in a leaflet they had condemned to death Roberto Peci, brother of jailed terrorist leader Patrizio Peci, who is helping police track down and capture his former comrades. Journalists found the leaflet in a waste basket after an anonymous caller told them where to look for it.

Peci, 25, was kidnapped June 10 in San Benedetto Del Tronto, in central Italy on the Adriatic coast. Ciro Cirillo, 60, kidnapped April 27 in Naples, was released Thursday. He is chairman of a regional committee on reconstruction of earthquake zones.

Alfa-Romeo executive Renzo Sandrucci, kidnapped June 3, was released Thursday.

On July 6, police found the bullet-riddled body of Giuseppe Taliercio, a Montedison executive, at Porto Marghera. He was kidnapped by Red Brigades May 20. He was sixth victim of Red Brigades this year.

The threat to kill Peci came just two days after announcing their intention to spare his life as an act of "revolutionary clemency."

A communique titled "Death to Peci" and distributed in this southern Italian city said: "The Red Brigades will not have any hesitation in proceeding without delay with the execution of the death sentence for the traitor Roberto Peci."

Saturday's communique was accompanied by photocopies of two letters written by Peci and addressed to Socialist Party leader Bettino Craxi and the head of the state television. They were asked to press

2,000 listed missing in India floods

NEW DELHI, July 26 (AFP) — As floods spread to new parts of India Sunday authorities estimated that the death toll would be much higher than first predicted. "It is difficult to say how many have died but I will not be surprised if it passes 1,500," one source here said.

At least 2,000 persons have been listed as missing, and flash floods were Sunday reported to be affecting parts of Jammu and Kashmir state bordering Pakistan. At Akhnoor dam was said to be particularly heavy and the strategic Jammu-Srinagar highway was closed by landslides in several places.

Reports said that a number of villages had been affected. At least three persons were killed and several houses destroyed. But the disruption of communications was delaying details of damage and casualties. In other areas of the country the authorities continued to face difficulty in their relief and rescue operations as reports from remote villages poured into the state capitals of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Bihar.

In Jaipur, capital of Rajasthan about 210 kms west of here, bulldozers and troops were pressed into service to clear dumps of sand and garbage deposited on roads all over the city by floodwater, Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said.

In Uttar Pradesh and Assam water levels in some rivers were said to be dropping. In northeastern Assam the mighty Barma purna and its tributaries had been receding for the last 48 hours, PTI said, and was flowing above danger marks at only two points, in Dibrugarh and Meenamhat.

2 hurt in Durban blast

DURBAN, July 26 (AFP) — Two Indians were injured here early Sunday when bombs damaged two car showrooms in the city center. The first ripped open one of the showrooms, damaging new cars and shattering windows in the area, and the second, in which the men were injured, occurred a block away 20 minutes later. The injured men were taken to hospital. Police cordoned off the areas.

Issue politicized Mauroy assures full massacre probe

PARIS, July 26 (AP) — The inquiry into the massacre of six persons in southern France has moved to Paris and into a murky area of French politics. Since Friday morning, Pierre Debizet, 59, secretary-general of the right-wing Civil Action Service (SAC), has been under interrogation by police inquiring into the Marseilles murders for which SAC members have been charged. SAC headquarters in Paris and Debizet's home have been searched.

French newspapers from right to left on Saturday recalled past criminal cases involving SAC members, and the conservative *Figaro* said it continued to "move on mysterious roads."

Premier Peire Mauroy said Saturday the government "has decided to leave nothing in the dark, whatever the position of men who may find themselves at the end" of the inquiry. Founded by Debizet as a Gaullist electioneering support group in 1958, SAC was used for underground counterterrorist work in the Algerian War.

Though it formally broke with Gaullism in 1969, the 12,000-strong body including many policemen continued active in local rightist politics. It often supplied election meeting guards for conservative politicians, Gaullist or not, through the recent election campaigns.

A week ago, a former SAC regional chief of Marseilles, police inspector Jacques Massie, was murdered and four members of his family and a friend disappeared, also believed murdered.

Friday, Jean-Bruno Finochietti was charged with the murder of Massie and three other men with complicity. All were SAC members and one Maria, was Massie's successor as local SAC chief.

Police sources said Debizet met with Massie and Maria in Marseilles May 5 following an unsuccessful attempt on Massie's life April 26. The police case in the murders rests on the alleged confession of Finochietti, a schoolteacher who joined SAC a year ago.

Police said he confessed that "on higher orders" he joined a "commando" which went to Massie's country house to kill him and recover some documents.

Police say Finochietti's fingerprints were found in bloodstains in the house. They quote him as saying he stabbed Massie and his eight-year-old son to death, and that Massie's wife, his wife's parents and family friend were also killed, apparently because someone recognized one of the "commandos."

Finochietti was said to have confessed to helping load the bodies on a truck, later found burned out. Despite a widespread search, only Massie's body has been found. The nature of the documents involved has not been disclosed.

A spokesman for the Gaullist Party — the rally for the Republic (RPR) — said the party "is not involved in this affair." He said the SAC was "a totally independent organization" and that the party was "astonished at the political exploitations" of an "odious crime."

The newspaper *Le Monde* said the RPR had for some years considered SAC as "a group with a somewhat troubled past, a somewhat ambiguous behavior, a somewhat compromising membership" but could not openly disavow it.

Le Monde noted the close links between SAC and the Gaullists between 1958 and 1969, when De Gaulle's successor Georges Pompidou had the movement purged of between 3,000 and 6,000 members with dubious police records. "As the years passed, relations (between SAC and the Gaullists) drifted apart with each criminal or sordid affair in which a SAC member was involved," *Le Monde* noted.

Such affairs, said the Socialist *Le Matin*, included a protection racket preying on industrialists and a plant counterfeiting African currencies. Massie's brother-in-law was a witness in the latter affair in 1978. Newspapers also spoke of criminals being released from police custody on presentation of a SAC membership card.

Patients 'fooled' Medicine row hits Singapore

SINGAPORE, July 26 (AFP) — A conflict between traditional Chinese and modern Western medicine has escalated here with government charges of dangerous malpractices by some Chinese physicians and phone and letter threats purportedly from a Chinese secret society against a Health Ministry official over a ban on a popular Chinese herb.

Health Minister Goh Chok Toog disclosed Saturday night that some Chinese physicians were mixing Western drugs, some of them poisonous, with herbs to fool patients into believing the herbs alone had cured them. Saying that such malpractices were dangerous and could lead to death, Goh warned "Siobese" (Chinese physicians) to stick to traditional medicine. If they meddled with Western drugs, which they were not licensed to dispense, they would face dire consequences, he said.

The minister also revealed that the prime minister's office had instructed police to give full protection to Professor Wong and his family. Wong is chairman of the Health Ministry's Medicines Advisory Committee which upset Chinese physicians by recommending three years ago a ban on the use of the herb drug huang lian (coptis teeta) which has been used for centuries in Chinese traditional medicine.

Defending the ban on the grounds that the drug contains a harmful alkaloid, berberine, which could lead to jaundice in newborn babies and ultimately brain damage and death, Wong recently stirred the anger of Chinese physicians by declaring that some Chinese herbs were no more effective than grass. The English-language *Straits Times* described this "sweeping" statement as "unfortunate" and "unfair."

Speaking at a hospital staff dinner Saturday the health minister said Wong's telephone number had been changed following the threatening phone calls. He also said that a letter warning Wong that he would "not be spared the knife" and that the ban on huang lian should be lifted before the end of the month, was signed by "the Brothers of Zhong-Yi Tang," believed to be a member of the "Ji-Ji" (or 21) Triad Society.

The minister said it was pointless to agitate against the ban and to make anonymous threats which would be investigated. "Illegal interference in the government's discharge of its duties will not be tolerated," he said.

Goh gave assurances that his ministry did not intend to ban the use of Chinese herbs or reduce the role of Chinese physicians who stuck to their treatment by traditional medicine. "On the contrary the ministry recognizes that Chinese physicians and Chinese medicine play a useful social role," he added.

Goh recalled how general death occurred in the early 1970s after people took Chinese medicine containing a high arsenic content which was not mentioned on the label. As a result the import of several brands of Chinese herbal remedies was banned.

Goh said that among items containing poison seized from Chinese physicians earlier this year was phenformin, used for the treatment of diabetes, which has been banned in Singapore since 1977 because of toxic effects which can often be fatal.

U.S. expedition leaves Doctors to test heart at Everest

SAN DIEGO, California, July 26 (AP) — The leader of the first medical expedition to Mount Everest — which scientists hope will aid heart and lung patients — has left for Nepal.

"This is a very ambitious, bold plan," said Dr. John West of the University of California at San Diego School of Medicine before he left Saturday. "It might come off — it might not. No one has tried to do anything like this before."

West, 52, is to lead a group of scientists to the Everest region for a trek scheduled to begin Aug. 6 and end in October in the oxygen-scarce air near the mountain's 8,848-meter peak.

"What we are primarily interested in is the response of the heart and lungs to very low levels of oxygen in the blood," West said.

"The practical implication is that there are many lung and heart diseases which cause these low oxygen levels. By studying normal subjects under extreme conditions, we can learn more about how the body tolerates reduced oxygen levels."

Extensive tests will be made at various altitudes on the mountain to measure heart and lung performance, sleep patterns, blood changes and mental states, he said. The medical team's ultimate goal is to measure physiological responses at the summit of the mountain. However, West said, "we'll be pleased if anybody gets to the summit."

About 40 Sherpa porters will assist the expedition past the base camp with 3,500 pounds of scientific equipment, which must be moved to the main laboratory camp. Another 12 tons of supplies are waiting in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal.

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